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The following bill which was introduced in the Legislative Assembly of the State of Goa on 7th February, 2025 is hereby published for general information in pursuance of Rule-138 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business of the Goa Legislative Assembly.

#### The Goa Provision of Water Supply (Amendment) Bill, 2025

(Bill No. 2 of 2025)

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BILL

*further to amend the Goa Provision of Water Supply Act, 2003 (Goa Act 28 of 2003).*

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Goa in the Seventy-sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) This Act may be called the Goa Provision of Water Supply (Amendment) Act, 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. *Substitution of Section 6.*— In the Goa Provision of Water Supply Act, 2003 (Goa Act 28 of 2003), for section 6, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

“6. *Offences and Penalties.*— Whoever contravenes any provision of this Act or of any rules or orders made thereunder, shall be liable to pay to the Assistant Engineer, Public Works Department of the concerned jurisdictional area, a fine of, rupees ten thousand, if the contravention is relating to the user of piped water for domestic purpose, and rupees fifty thousand, if the contravention is relating to the user of piped water for semi domestic or commercial or industrial purpose.”.

#### Statement of Objects and Reasons

The Bill seeks to substitute section 6 of the Goa Provision of Water Supply Act, 2003 (Goa Act 28 of 2003), in order to simplify the process for imposing penalty/fines for any contravention of provisions of the Act or Rules or Orders, by giving the powers to the concerned Assistant Engineer of Public Works Department to ensure quicker and timely action.

The Bill seeks to achieve the above object.

Financial Memorandum

No financial implications are involved in this Bill.

Memorandum Regarding Delegated Legislation

No delegated legislation is envisaged in this Bill.

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ANNEXURE

**Extracts of Section 6 of the Goa Provision  
of Water Supply Act, 2003**

6. *Offences and Penalties.*— Whoever contravenes any provision of this Act or of any rules or orders made thereunder, shall, on conviction by a Judicial Magistrate be sentenced to pay a fine of, rupees ten thousand, if the conviction is relating to the user of piped water for domestic purpose, and rupees fifty thousand, if the conviction is relating to the user of piped water for commercial or industrial purpose.

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The following bill which was introduced in the Legislative Assembly of the State of Goa on 7th February, 2025 is hereby published for general information in pursuance of Rule-138 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business of the Goa Legislative Assembly.

The Goa Goods and Services Tax  
(Second Amendment) Bill, 2024

(Bill No. 3 of 2025)

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BILL

*further to amend the Goa Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (Goa Act 4 of 2017).*

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Goa in the Seventy-sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) This Act may be called the Goa Goods and Services Tax (Second Amendment) Act, 2025.

(2) Save as otherwise provided in this Act, the provisions of Section 6, 34 and 36 of this Act shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from 18th day of October, 2024 and all other provisions of this Act shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from 1st day of November, 2024.

2. *Amendment of Section 9.*— In the Goa Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (Goa Act 4 of 2017) (hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act”), in Section 9, in sub-section (1), after the words “alcoholic liquor for human consumption”, the words “and undenatured extra neutral alcohol or rectified spirit used for manufacture of alcoholic liquor, for human consumption” shall be inserted.

3. *Amendment of Section 10.*— In Section 10 of the principal Act, in sub-section (5), after the words and figures “Section 73 or Section 74”, the words, figures and letter “or Section 74A” shall be inserted.

4. *Insertion of new Section 11A.*— After section 11 of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

“11A. *Power not to recover Goods and Services Tax not levied or short-levied as a result of general practice.*— Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, if the Government is satisfied that—

(a) a practice was, or is, generally prevalent regarding levy of State tax (including non-levy thereof) on any supply of goods or services or both; and

(b) such supplies were, or are, liable to,—

(i) State tax, in cases where according to the said practice, State tax was not, or is not being, levied, or

(ii) a higher amount of State tax than what was, or is being, levied, in accordance with the said practice,

the Government may, on the recommendation of the Council, by notification in the Official Gazette, direct that the whole of the State tax payable on such supplies, or, as the case may be, the State tax in excess of that payable on such supplies, but for the said practice, shall not be required to be paid in respect of the supplies on which the State tax was not, or is not being levied, or was, or is being, short-levied, in accordance with the said practice.”.

5. *Amendment of Section 13.*— In Section 13 of the principal Act, in sub-section (3),—

(i) in clause (b), for the words “by the supplier:”, the words “by the supplier, in cases where invoice is required to be issued by the supplier; or” shall be substituted;

(ii) after clause (b), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(c) the date of issue of invoice by the recipient, in cases where invoice is to be issued by the recipient:”;

(iii) in the first proviso, after the words, brackets and letter “or clause (b)”, the words, brackets and letter “or clause (c)” shall be inserted.

6. *Amendment of Section 16.*— In section 16 of the principal Act, with effect from the 1st day of July, 2017, after sub-section (4), the following sub-sections shall be inserted, namely:—

“(5) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (4), in respect of an invoice or debit note for supply of goods or services or both pertaining to the Financial Years 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21, the registered person shall be entitled to take input tax credit in any return under Section 39 which is filed upto the thirtieth day of November, 2021.

(6) Where registration of a registered person is cancelled under Section 29 and subsequently the cancellation of registration is revoked by any order, either under Section 30 or pursuant to any order made by the Appellate Authority or the Appellate Tribunal or court and where availment of input tax credit in respect of an invoice or debit note was not restricted under sub-section (4) on the date of order of cancellation of registration, the said person shall be entitled to take the input tax credit in respect of such invoice or debit note for supply of goods or services or both, in a return under Section 39,—

(i) filed upto thirtieth day of November following the financial year to which such invoice or debit note pertains or furnishing of the relevant annual return, whichever is earlier; or

(ii) for the period from the date of cancellation of registration or the effective date of cancellation of registration, as the case may be, till the date of order of revocation of cancellation of registration, where such return is filed within thirty days from the date of order of revocation of cancellation of registration,

whichever is later.”.

7. *Amendment of Section 17.*— In Section 17 of the principal Act, in sub-section (5), in clause (i), for the words and figures “Sections 74, 129 and 130”, the words and figures “Section 74 in respect of any period upto Financial Year 2023-24” shall be substituted.

8. *Amendment of Section 21.*— In Section 21 of the principal Act, after the words and figures “Section 73 or Section 74”, the words, figures and letter “or Section 74A” shall be inserted.

9. *Amendment of Section 30.*— In Section 30 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2), after the proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

“Provided further that such revocation of cancellation of registration shall be subject to such conditions and restrictions, as may be prescribed.”.

10. *Amendment of Section 31.*— In Section 31 of the principal Act, in sub-section (3),—

(i) in clause (f), after the words and figure “of Section 9 shall”, the words “, within the period as may be prescribed,” shall be inserted;

(ii) after clause (g), the following Explanation shall be inserted, namely:—

“*Explanation.*— For the purposes of clause (f), the expression “supplier who is not registered” shall include the supplier who is registered solely for the purpose of deduction of tax under Section 51.”.

11. *Amendment of Section 35.*— In Section 35 of the principal Act, in sub-section (6), after the words and figures “Section 73 or Section 74”, the words, figures and letter “or Section 74A” shall be inserted.

12. *Amendment of Section 39.*— In Section 39 of the principal Act, for sub-section (3), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(3) Every registered person required to deduct tax at source under Section 51 shall electronically furnish a return for every calendar month of the deductions made during the month in such form and manner and within such time as may be prescribed:

Provided that the said registered person shall furnish a return for every calendar month whether or not any deductions have been made during the said month.”.

13. *Amendment of Section 49.*— In Section 49 of the principal Act, in sub-section (8), in clause (c), after the words and figures “Section 73 or Section 74”, the words, figures and letter “or Section 74A” shall be inserted.

14. *Amendment of Section 50.*— In Section 50 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1), in the proviso, after the words and figures “Section 73 or Section 74”, the words, figures and letter “or Section 74A” shall be inserted.

15. *Amendment of Section 51.*— In Section 51 of the principal Act, in sub-section (7), after the words and figures “Section 73 or

Section 74”, the words, figures and letter “or Section 74A” shall be inserted.

16. *Amendment of Section 54.*— In section 54 of the principal Act,—

(i) in sub-section (3), the second proviso shall be omitted;

(ii) after sub-section (14) and before the Explanation, the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(15) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, no refund of unutilised input tax credit on account of zero rated supply of goods or of integrated tax paid on account of zero rated supply of goods shall be allowed where such zero rated supply of goods is subjected to export duty.”.

17. *Amendment of Section 61.*— In Section 61 of the principal Act, in sub-section (3), after the words and figures “Section 73 or Section 74”, the words, figures and letter “or Section 74A” shall be inserted.

18. *Amendment of Section 62.*— In Section 62 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1), after the words and figures “Section 73 or Section 74”, the words, figures and letter “or Section 74A” shall be inserted.

19. *Amendment of Section 63.*— In Section 63 of the principal Act, after the words and figures “Section 73 or Section 74”, the words, figures and letter “or Section 74A” shall be inserted.

20. *Amendment of section 64.*— In Section 64 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2), after the words and figures “Section 73 or Section 74”, the words, figures and letter “or section 74A” shall be inserted.

21. *Amendment of Section 65.*— In section 65 of the principal Act, in sub-section (7), after the words and figures “Section 73 or Section 74”, the words, figures and letter “or Section 74A” shall be inserted.

22. *Amendment of section 66.*— In Section 66 of the principal Act, in sub-section (6), after the words and figures “Section 73 or Section 74”, the words, figures and letter “or Section 74A” shall be inserted.



23. *Amendment of Section 70.*— In Section 70 of the principal Act, after sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(1A) All persons summoned under sub-section (1) shall be bound to attend, either in person or by an authorised representative, as such officer may direct, and the person so appearing shall state the truth during examination or make statements or produce such documents and other things as may be required.”.

24. *Amendment of Section 73.*— In Section 73 of the principal Act,—

(i) in the title, after the words “Determination of tax”, the words and “figures”, pertaining to the period upto Financial Year 2023-24,” shall be inserted;

(ii) after sub-section (11), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(12) The provisions of this section shall be applicable for determination of tax pertaining to the period upto Financial Year 2023-24.”.

25. *Amendment of Section 74.*— In Section 74 of the principal Act,—

(i) in the title, after the words “Determination of tax”, the words and figures “, pertaining to the period upto Financial Year 2023-24,” shall be inserted;

(ii) after sub-section (11) and before Explanation 1, the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(12) The provisions of this section shall be applicable for determination of tax pertaining to the period upto Financial Year 2023-24.”;

(iii) the Explanation 2 shall be omitted.

26. *Insertion of new Section 74A.*— After Section 74 of the principal Act, the following Section shall be inserted, namely:—

“74A. *Determination of tax not paid or short paid or erroneously refunded or input tax credit wrongly availed or utilised for any reason pertaining to Financial Year 2024-25*

*onwards.*— (1) Where it appears to the proper officer that any tax has not been paid or short paid or erroneously refunded, or where input tax credit has been wrongly availed or utilised, he shall serve notice on the person chargeable with tax which has not been so paid or which has been so short paid or to whom the refund has erroneously been made, or who has wrongly availed or utilised input tax credit, requiring him to show cause as to why he should not pay the amount specified in the notice along with interest payable thereon under section 50 and a penalty leviable under the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder:

Provided that no notice shall be issued, if the tax which has not been paid or short paid or erroneously refunded or where input tax credit has been wrongly availed or utilised in a financial year is less than one thousand rupees.

(2) The proper officer shall issue the notice under sub-section (1) within forty-two months from the due date for furnishing of annual return for the financial year to which the tax not paid or short paid or input tax credit wrongly availed or utilised relates to or within forty-two months from the date of erroneous refund.

(3) Where a notice has been issued for any period under sub-section (1), the proper officer may serve a statement, containing the details of tax not paid or short paid or erroneously refunded or input tax credit wrongly availed or utilised for such periods other than those covered under sub-section (1), on the person chargeable with tax.

(4) The service of such statement shall be deemed to be service of notice on such person under sub-section (1), subject to the condition that the grounds relied upon for such tax periods other than those covered under sub-section (1) are the same as are mentioned in the earlier notice.

(5) The penalty in case where any tax which has not been paid or short paid or erroneously refunded, or where input tax

credit has been wrongly availed or utilised,—

(i) for any reason, other than the reason of fraud or any wilful-misstatement or suppression of facts to evade tax, shall be equivalent to ten per cent. of tax due from such person or ten thousand rupees, whichever is higher;

(ii) for the reason of fraud or any wilful-misstatement or suppression of facts to evade tax shall be equivalent to the tax due from such person.

(6) The proper officer shall, after considering the representation, if any, made by the person chargeable with tax, determine the amount of tax, interest and penalty due from such person and issue an order.

(7) The proper officer shall issue the order under sub-section (6) within twelve months from the date of issuance of notice specified in sub-section (2):

Provided that where the proper officer is not able to issue the order within the specified period, the Commissioner, or an officer authorised by the Commissioner senior in rank to the proper officer but not below the rank of Additional Commissioner of State Tax, may, having regard to the reasons for delay in issuance of the order under sub-section (6), to be recorded in writing, before the expiry of the specified period, extend the said period further by a maximum of six months.

(8) The person chargeable with tax where any tax has not been paid or short paid or erroneously refunded, or where input tax credit has been wrongly availed or utilised for any reason, other than the reason of fraud or any willful misstatement or suppression of facts to evade tax, may,—

(i) before service of notice under sub-section (1), pay the amount of tax along with interest payable under Section 50 of such tax on the basis of his own ascertainment of such tax or the tax as ascertained by the proper officer and

inform the proper officer in writing of such payment, and the proper officer, on receipt of such information shall not serve any notice under sub-section (1) or the statement under sub-section (3), as the case may be, in respect of the tax so paid or any penalty payable under the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder;

(ii) pay the said tax along with interest payable under section 50 within sixty days of issue of show cause notice, and on doing so, no penalty shall be payable and all proceedings in respect of the said notice shall be deemed to be concluded.

(9) The person chargeable with tax, where any tax has not been paid or short paid or erroneously refunded or where input tax credit has been wrongly availed or utilised by reason of fraud, or any wilful-misstatement or suppression of facts to evade tax, may,—

(i) before service of notice under sub-section (1), pay the amount of tax along with interest payable under section 50 and a penalty equivalent to fifteen per cent. of such tax on the basis of his own ascertainment of such tax or the tax as ascertained by the proper officer and inform the proper officer in writing of such payment, and the proper officer, on receipt of such information, shall not serve any notice under sub-section (1), in respect of the tax so paid or any penalty payable under the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder;

(ii) pay the said tax along with interest payable under Section 50 and a penalty equivalent to twenty-five per cent. of such tax within sixty days of issue of the notice, and on doing so, all proceedings in respect of the said notice shall be deemed to be concluded;

(iii) pay the tax along with interest payable thereon under Section 50 and a penalty equivalent to fifty per cent. of such tax within sixty days of communication of the order, and on

doing so, all proceedings in respect of the said notice shall be deemed to be concluded.

(10) Where the proper officer is of the opinion that the amount paid under clause (i) of sub-section (8) or clause (i) of sub-section (9) falls short of the amount actually payable, he shall proceed to issue the notice as provided for in sub-section (1) in respect of such amount which falls short of the amount actually payable.

(11) Notwithstanding anything contained in clause (i) or clause (ii) of sub-section (8), penalty under clause (i) of sub-section (5) shall be payable where any amount of self-assessed tax or any amount collected as tax has not been paid within a period of thirty days from the due date of payment of such tax.

(12) The provisions of this section shall be applicable for determination of tax pertaining to the Financial Year 2024-25 onwards.

*Explanation 1.*— For the purposes of this Section,—

(i) the expression “all proceedings in respect of the said notice” shall not include proceedings under Section 132;

(ii) where the notice under the same proceedings is issued to the main person liable to pay tax and some other persons, and such proceedings against the main person have been concluded under this section, the proceedings against all the persons liable to pay penalty under Sections 122 and 125 are deemed to be concluded.

*Explanation 2.*— For the purposes of this Act, the expression “suppression” shall mean non-declaration of facts or information which a taxable person is required to declare in the return, statement, report or any other document furnished under this Act or the rules made thereunder, or failure to furnish any information on being asked for, in writing, by the proper officer.

27. *Amendment of Section 75.*— In section 75 of the principal Act,—

(i) in sub-section (1), after the word and figures “section 74”, the words, brackets, figures and letter “or sub-sections (2) and (7) of section 74A” shall be inserted;

(ii) after sub-section (2), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(2A) Where any Appellate Authority or Appellate Tribunal or court concludes that the penalty under clause (ii) of sub-section (5) of section 74A is not sustainable for the reason that the charges of fraud or any willful misstatement or suppression of facts to evade tax has not been established against the person to whom the notice was issued, the penalty shall be payable by such person, under clause (i) of sub-section (5) of Section 74A.”;

(iii) for sub-section (10), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(10) The adjudication proceedings shall be deemed to be concluded, if the order is not issued within the period specified in sub-section (10) of Section 73 or in sub-section (10) of Section 74 or in sub-section (7) of Section 74A.”;

(iv) in sub-section (11), after the word and figures “Section 74”, the words, brackets, figures and letter “or sub-section (7) of Section 74A” shall be inserted;

(v) in sub-section (12), after the words and figures “Section 73 or Section 74”, the words, figures and letter “or Section 74 A” shall be inserted;

(vi) in sub-section (13), after the words and figures “Section 73 or Section 74”, the words, figures and letter “or Section 74 A” shall be inserted.

28. *Amendment of Section 104.*— In Section 104 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1), in the Explanation, after the word and figures “Section 74”, the words, brackets, figures and letter “or sub-sections (2) and (7) of Section 74A” shall be inserted.

29. *Amendment of section 107.*— In Section 107 of the principal Act,—

(i) in sub-section (6), in clause (b), for the word “twentyfive”, the word “twenty” shall be substituted;

(ii) in sub-section (11), in the second proviso, after the words and figures “Section 73 or Section 74”, the words, figures and letter “or section 74 A” shall be inserted.

30. *Amendment of Section 112.*— In section 112 of the principal Act,—

(i) with effect from the 1st day of August, 2024, in sub-section (1), after the words “from the date on which the order sought to be appealed against is communicated to the person preferring the appeal”, the words “; or the date, as may be notified by the Government, on the recommendations of the Council, for filing appeal before the Appellate Tribunal under this Act, whichever is later” shall be inserted;

(ii) with effect from the 1st day of August, 2024, in sub-section (3), after the words “from the date on which the said order has been passed”, the words “; or the date, as may be notified by the Government, on the recommendations of the Council, for the purpose of filing application before the Appellate Tribunal under this Act, whichever is later,” shall be inserted;

(iii) in sub-section (6), after the words, brackets and figure “after the expiry of the period referred to in sub-section (1)”, the words, brackets and figure “or permit the filing of an application within three months after the expiry of the period referred to in sub-section (3)” shall be inserted;

(iv) in sub-section (8), in clause (b),—

(a) for the words “twenty per cent.”, the words “ten per cent.” shall be substituted;

(b) for the words “fifty crore rupees”, the words “twenty crore rupees” shall be substituted.

31. *Amendment of Section 122.*— In Section 122 of the principal Act, with effect from the 1st day of October, 2023, in sub-section (1B),

for the words “Any electronic commerce operator who”, the words and figures “Any electronic commerce operator, who is liable to collect tax at source under Section 52,” shall be substituted.

32. *Amendment of Section 127.*— In Section 127 of the principal Act, after the words and figures “section 73 or section 74”, the words, figures and letter “or section 74A” shall be inserted.

33. *Insertion of new Section 128A.*— After Section 128 of the principal Act, the following Section shall be inserted, namely:—

“128A. *Waiver of interest or penalty or both relating to demands raised under Section 73, for certain tax periods.*— (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Act, where any amount of tax is payable by a person chargeable with tax in accordance with,—

(a) a notice issued under sub-section (1) of Section 73 or a statement issued under sub-section (3) of Section 73, and where no order under sub-section (9) of Section 73 has been issued; or

(b) an order passed under sub-section (9) of section 73, and where no order under sub-section (11) of Section 107 or sub-section (1) of section 108 has been passed; or

(c) an order passed under sub-section (11) of Section 107 or sub-section (1) of Section 108, and where no order under sub-section (1) of Section 113 has been passed, pertaining to the period from 1st July, 2017 to 31st March, 2020, or a part thereof, and the said person pays the full amount of tax payable as per the notice or statement or the order referred to in clause (a), clause (b) or clause (c), as the case may be, on or before the date, as may be notified by the Government on the recommendations of the Council, no interest under section 50 and penalty under this Act, shall be payable and all the proceedings in respect of the said notice or order or statement, as the case may be, shall be



deemed to be concluded, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed:

Provided that where a notice has been issued under sub-section (1) of Section 74, and an order is passed or required to be passed by the proper officer in pursuance of the direction of the Appellate Authority or Appellate Tribunal or a court in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (2) of Section 75, the said notice or order shall be considered to be a notice or order, as the case may be, referred to in clause (a) or clause (b) of this sub-section:

Provided further that the conclusion of the proceedings under this sub-section, in cases where an application is filed under sub-section (3) of Section 107 or under sub-section (3) of Section 112 or an appeal is filed by an officer of State tax under sub-section (1) of Section 117 or under sub-section (1) of Section 118 or where any proceedings are initiated under sub-section (1) of Section 108, against an order referred to in clause (b) or clause (c) or against the directions of the Appellate Authority or the Appellate Tribunal or the court referred to in the first proviso, shall be subject to the condition that the said person pays the additional amount of tax payable, if any, in accordance with the order of the Appellate Authority or the Appellate Tribunal or the court or the Revisional Authority, as the case may be, within three months from the date of the said order:

Provided also that where such interest and penalty has already been paid, no refund of the same shall be available.

(2) Nothing contained in sub-section (1) shall be applicable in respect of any amount payable by the person on account of erroneous refund.

(3) Nothing contained in sub-section (1) shall be applicable in respect of cases where an appeal or writ petition filed by the said person is pending before Appellate

Authority or Appellate Tribunal or a court, as the case may be, and has not been withdrawn by the said person on or before the date notified under sub-section (1).

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, where any amount specified under sub-section (1) has been paid and the proceedings are deemed to be concluded under the said sub-section, no appeal under sub-section (1) of Section 107 or sub-section (1) of Section 112 shall lie against an order referred to in clause (b) or clause (c) of sub-section (1), as the case may be."

34. *Amendment of Section 171.*— In Section 171 of the principal Act,—

(a) in sub-section (2), the following proviso and Explanation shall be inserted, namely:—

'Provided that the Government may, by notification, on the recommendations of the Council, specify the date from which the said Authority shall not accept any request for examination as to whether input tax credits availed by any registered person or the reduction in the tax rate have actually resulted in a commensurate reduction in the price of the goods or services or both supplied by him.

*Explanation.*— For the purposes of this sub-section, "request for examination" shall mean the written application filed by an applicant requesting for examination as to whether input tax credits availed by any registered person or the reduction in the tax rate have actually resulted in a commensurate reduction in the price of the goods or services or both supplied by him.';

(b) the Explanation shall be renumbered as Explanation 1 thereof, and after Explanation 1 as so renumbered, the following Explanation shall be inserted, namely:—

"*Explanation 2.*— For the purposes of this section, the expression "Authority" shall include the "Appellate Tribunal"."

35. *Amendment of Schedule III.*— In Schedule III to the principal Act, after

paragraph 8 and before Explanation 1, the following paragraphs shall be inserted, namely:—

“9. Activity of apportionment of co-insurance premium by the lead insurer to the co-insurer for the insurance services jointly supplied by the lead insurer and the co-insurer to the insured in coinsurance agreements, subject to the condition that the lead insurer pays the central tax, the State tax, the Union territory tax and the integrated tax on the entire amount of premium paid by the insured.

10. Services by insurer to the reinsurer for which ceding commission or the reinsurance commission is deducted from reinsurance premium paid by the insurer to the reinsurer, subject to the condition that the central tax, the State tax, the Union territory tax and the integrated tax is paid by the reinsurer on the gross reinsurance premium payable by the insurer to the reinsurer, inclusive of the said ceding commission or the reinsurance commission.”.

36. *No refund of tax paid or input tax credit reversed.*— No refund shall be made of all the tax paid or the input tax credit reversed, which would not have been so paid, or not reversed, had Section 6 been in force at all material times.

37. *Repeal and Saving.*— (1) The Goa Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 2024 (Ordinance No. 6 of 2024) is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the principal Act, as amended by the said Ordinance, shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the principal Act, as amended by this Act.

#### Statement of Objects and Reasons

Clause 2 of the Bill seeks to amend sub-section (1) of Section 9 of the Goa Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (Goa Act 4 of 2017) (hereinafter may be referred to as “the said Act”) so as to not to levy State tax on un-denatured extra neutral alcohol or rectified

spirit used for manufacture of alcoholic liquor for human consumption.

Clause 3 of the Bill seeks to make consequential amendments in sub-section (5) of Section 10 of the said Act, so as to incorporate a reference to the proposed new section 74A.

Clause 4 of the Bill seeks to insert a new Section 11A in the said Act, so as to empower the Government to regularise non-levy or short levy of State tax where it is satisfied that such non-levy or short levy was a result of general practice.

Clause 5 of the Bill seeks to amend sub-section (3) of section 13 of the said Act, so as to specify the time of supply of services in cases where the invoice is required to be issued by the recipient of services in reverse charge supplies.

Clause 6 of the Bill seeks to insert a new sub-section (5) in section 16 of the said Act, so as to carve out an exception to the existing sub-section (4) and to provide that in respect of an invoice or debit note for the Financial Years 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21, the registered person shall be entitled to take input tax credit in any return under section 39 which is filed upto the thirtieth day of November, 2021.

It also proposes to insert a new sub-section (6) in the said section so as to allow the availment of input tax credit in respect of an invoice or debit note in a return filed for the period from the date of cancellation of registration or the effective date of cancellation of registration, as the case may be, till the date of order of revocation of cancellation of registration, filed within thirty days of the date of order of revocation of cancellation of registration, subject to the condition that the time-limit for availment of credit in respect of the said invoice or debit note should not have already expired under sub-section (4) of the said section on the date of order of cancellation of registration. The aforesaid amendments are proposed to be made effective from the 1st day of July, 2017.

Further it is proposed that where the tax has been paid or the input tax credit has been reversed, no refund of the same shall be admissible.

Clause 7 of the Bill seeks to amend sub-section (5) of Section 17 of the said Act, so as to restrict the non-availability of input tax credit in respect of tax paid under Section 74 of the said Act only for demands upto Financial Year 2023-24.

It also proposes to remove reference to Sections 129 and 130 in the said sub-section.

Clause 8 of the Bill seeks to make consequential amendment in Section 21 of the said Act, so as to incorporate a reference to the proposed new Section 74A.

Clause 9 of the Bill seeks to insert a new proviso in sub-section (2) of Section 30 of the said Act, so as to empower the State Government to prescribe conditions and restrictions for revocation of cancellation of registration by rules.

Clause 10 of the Bill seeks to amend clause (f) of sub-section (3) of Section 31 of the said Act, so as to empower the State Government to prescribe the time period for issuance of invoice by the recipient in case of reverse charge mechanism supplies by rules. It also proposes to insert an Explanation in sub-section (3) of the said section so as to specify that a supplier registered solely for the purposes of tax deduction at source under Section 51 of the said Act shall not be considered as a registered person for the purpose of clause (f) of sub-section (3) of Section 31 of the said Act.

Clause 11 of the Bill seeks to make consequential amendment in sub-section (6) of Section 35 of the said Act, so as to incorporate a reference to the proposed new Section 74A.

Clause 12 of the Bill seeks to substitute sub-section (3) of section 39 of the said Act, so as to mandate the electronic furnishing of return for each month by the registered person required to deduct tax at source, irrespective of whether any deduction has

been made in the said month or not. It also empowers the Government to prescribe by rules, the form, manner and the time within which such return shall be filed.

Clause 13 of the Bill seeks to make consequential amendments in sub-section (8) of Section 49 of the said Act, so as to incorporate a reference to the proposed new Section 74A.

Clause 14 of the Bill seeks to make consequential amendments in sub-section (1) of Section 50 in the said Act, so as to incorporate a reference to the proposed new section 74A.

Clause 15 of the Bill seeks to make consequential amendments in sub-section (7) of Section 51 of the said Act, so as to incorporate a reference to the proposed new section 74A.

Clause 16 of the Bill seeks to insert a new sub-section (15) in section 54 of the said Act, so as to omit the second proviso to sub-section (3) and to provide that no refund of unutilised input tax credit or of integrated tax shall be allowed in cases of zero rated supply of goods where such goods are subjected to export duty.

Clause 17 of the Bill seeks to make consequential amendments in sub-section (3) of Section 61 of the said Act, so as to incorporate a reference to the proposed new section 74A.

Clause 18 of the Bill seeks to make consequential amendments in sub-section (1) of section 62 of the said Act, so as to incorporate a reference to the proposed new Section 74A.

Clause 19 of the Bill seeks to make consequential amendments in Section 63 of the said Act, so as to incorporate a reference to the proposed new Section 74A.

Clause 20 of the Bill seeks to make consequential amendments in sub-section (2) of section 64 of the said Act, so as to incorporate a reference to the proposed new Section 74A.

Clause 21 of the Bill seeks to make consequential amendments in sub-section (7) of Section 65 of the said Act, so as to incorporate a reference to the proposed new Section 74A.

Clause 22 of the Bill seeks to make consequential amendments in sub-section (6) of Section 66 of the said Act, so as to incorporate a reference to the proposed new Section 74A.

Clause 23 of the Bill seeks to insert a new sub-section (1A) in Section 70 of the said Act, so as to enable an authorised representative to appear on behalf of the summoned person before the proper officer in compliance of summons issued by the said officer.

Clause 24 of the Bill seeks to insert a new sub-section (12) in Section 73 of the said Act, so as to restrict the applicability of the said section for determination of tax pertaining to the period upto Financial Year 2023-24. It also proposes to amend the marginal heading of the said section accordingly.

Clause 25 of the Bill seeks to insert a new sub-section (12) in Section 74 of the said Act, so as to restrict the applicability of the said section for determination of tax pertaining to the period upto Financial Year 2023-24. It also proposes to amend the marginal heading of the said section accordingly.

Clause 26 of the Bill seeks to insert a new Section 74A in the said Act, so as to provide for determination of tax not paid or short paid or erroneously refunded or input tax credit wrongly availed or utilised for any reason pertaining to the Financial Year 2024-25 onwards. It also provides for the same limitation period for issuing demand notices and orders in respect of demands from the Financial Year 2024-25 onwards, irrespective of whether the charges of fraud, wilful misstatement, or suppression of facts are invoked or not, while keeping a higher penalty, for cases involving fraud, wilful misstatement, or suppression of facts.

Clause 27 of the Bill seeks to insert a new sub-section (2A) in Section 75 of the said Act, so as to provide for redetermination of penalty demanded in a notice invoking penal provisions under clause (ii) of sub-section (5)

of the proposed section 74A of the said Act to re-determine the penalty as per clause (i) of the sub-section (5) of the said section, in cases where the charges of fraud, wilful misstatement, or suppression of facts are not established. It also seeks to make consequential amendments in section 75 of the said Act, so as to incorporate a reference to the proposed section 74A or the relevant sub-sections thereof.

Clause 28 of the Bill seeks to make consequential amendments in sub-section (1) of Section 104 of the said Act, so as to incorporate a reference to sub-sections (2) and (7) of the proposed new Section 74A.

Clause 29 of the Bill seeks to amend sub-section (6) of Section 107 of the said Act, so as to reduce the maximum amount of pre-deposit for filing appeal before the Appellate Authority from rupees twenty-five crores to rupees twenty crores in State tax. It also proposes to make consequential amendments in sub-section (11) of the said section to incorporate a reference to the proposed new section 74A.

Clause 30 of the Bill seeks to amend sub-sections (1) and (3) of Section 112 of the said Act, so as to empower the Government to notify the date for filing appeal before the Appellate Tribunal and provide a revised time limit for filing appeals or application before the Appellate Tribunal. It is proposed to make the said amendments effective from the 1st day of August, 2024. It also seeks to amend sub-section (6) of the said section so as to enable the Appellate Tribunal to admit appeals filed by the department within three months after the expiry of the specified time limit of six months. Further, it seeks to amend sub-section (8) of the said section to reduce the maximum amount of pre-deposit for filing appeals before the Appellate Tribunal from the existing twenty percent to ten percent of the tax in dispute and also reduce the maximum amount payable as pre-deposit from rupees fifty crores to rupees twenty crores in central tax.

Clause 31 of the Bill seeks to amend sub-section (1B) of Section 122 of the said Act, so as to restrict the applicability of the said sub-



-section to electronic commerce operators, who are required to collect tax at source under Section 52 of the said Act. The said amendment is proposed to be made effective from the 1st day of October, 2023 when the said sub-section had come into force.

Clause 32 of the Bill seeks to make consequential amendments in Section 127 of the said Act, so as to incorporate a reference to the proposed new Section 74A.

Clause 33 of the Bill seeks to insert a new Section 128A in the said Act, so as to provide for conditional waiver of interest and penalty in respect of demand notices issued under Section 73 of the said Act for the Financial Years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20, except the demand notices in respect of erroneous refund. Further, it is proposed that in cases where interest and penalty have already been paid in respect of any demand for the said financial years, no refund shall be admissible for the same.

Clause 34 of the Bill seeks to amend sub-section (2) of Section 171 of the said Act, so as to empower the Government to notify the date from which the Authority under the said section shall not accept any application for anti-profiteering cases. An Explanation is also proposed to be inserted so as to include the reference of "Appellate Tribunal" in the expression "Authority" under the said section to enable the Government to notify the Appellate Tribunal to act as an Authority to handle anti-profiteering cases.

Clause 35 of the Bill seeks to amend Schedule III to the said Act, so as to provide that the activity of apportionment of co-insurance premium by the lead insurer to the co-insurer for the insurance services jointly supplied by the lead insurer and the co-insurer to the insured in coinsurance agreements shall be treated as neither supply of goods nor supply of services, provided that the lead insurer pays the tax liability on the entire amount of premium paid by the insured. It also proposes to provide that the services by the insurer to the re-insurer, for which the ceding commission or the reinsurance commission is deducted from reinsurance premium paid by the insurer to

the reinsurer, shall be treated as neither supply of goods nor supply of services, provided that tax liability on the gross reinsurance premium inclusive of reinsurance commission or the ceding commission is paid by the reinsurer.

Clause 36 of the Bill seeks to provide that no refund shall be made of all the tax paid or the input tax credit reversed, which would not have been so paid, or not reversed had the said Section 6 been in force at all material times.

The Bill also seeks to repeal the Goa Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 2024 (Ordinance No. 6 of 2024) as promulgated by the Hon'ble Governor of Goa on 10-10-2024.

This Bill seeks to achieve the above objects.

#### Financial Memorandum

The proposed Goa Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2025 does not involve any recurring or non-recurring expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of the State.

#### Memorandum Regarding Delegated Legislation

Clause 4 of the Bill empowers the Government on the recommendation of council to exempt the State Tax in respect of the supplies on which the State tax was not or is not having levied or was, or is being short levied in accordance with the general practice, by a Notification in the Official Gazette.

Clause 9 of the Bill empowers the Government to frame rules to specify the conditions and restrictions for revocation of cancellation of registration.

Clause 10 of the bill empowers the Government to frame rules to specify time period for issuing the invoice by a registered taxable person who is liable to pay tax under sub-section (3) or (4) of Section 9.

Clause 12 of the Bill empowers the Government to frame rules to specify the form, manner and the time within which a registered person shall electronically furnish

a return for every calendar month of the deductions made during the month.

Clause 34 of the Bill empowers Government to specify the date by Notification in the Official Gazette from which the authority formed under sub-section (2) of section 171 shall not accept any request for examination as to whether input tax credits availed by any registered person or the reduction in the tax rate have actually resulted in a commensurate reduction in the price of the goods or services or both supplied by him.

These delegations are of normal character.

Assembly Hall, SHRI PRAMOD SAWANT  
Porvorim, Goa. Hon. Chief Minister/  
5th February, 2025. /Finance Minister.

Assembly Hall, NAMRATA ULMAN  
Porvorim, Goa. Secretary to the Legislative  
5th February, 2025. Assembly of Goa.

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Governor's Recommendation under Article  
207 of the Constitution of India

In pursuance of Article 207 of the Constitution of India, I, P. S. Sreedharan Pillai, the Governor of Goa, hereby recommend the introduction and consideration of the Goa Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2025 by the Legislative Assembly of Goa.

Raj Bhavan. P. S. SREEDHARAN PILLAI  
Date: 4th February, 2025 Governor of Goa.

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**ANNEXURE**

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**Extracts from the Goa Goods and Services  
Tax Act, 2017  
(Goa Act 4 of 2017)**  
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*Section 9. Levy and collection.*— (1) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (2), there shall be levied a tax called the Goa goods and services tax on all intra-State supplies of goods or services or both, except on the supply of alcoholic liquor for

human consumption, on the value determined under section 15 and at such rates, not exceeding twenty per cent., as may be notified by the Government on the recommendations of the Council and collected in such manner as may be prescribed and shall be paid by the taxable person.

(2) The state tax on the supply of petroleum crude, high speed diesel, motor spirit (commonly known as petrol), natural gas and aviation turbine fuel shall be levied with effect from such date as may be notified by the Government on the recommendations of the Council.

(3) The Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, specify categories of supply of goods or services or both, the tax on which shall be paid on reverse charge basis by the recipient of such goods or services or both and all the provisions of this Act shall apply to such recipient as if he is the person liable for paying the tax in relation to the supply of such goods or services or both.

(4) The Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, specify a class of registered persons who shall, in respect of supply of specified categories of goods or services or both received from an unregistered supplier, pay the tax on reverse charge basis as the recipient of such supply of goods or services or both, and all the provisions of this Act shall apply to such recipient as if he is the person liable for paying the tax in relation to such supply of goods or services or both.

(5) The Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, specify categories of services the tax on intra-State supplies of which shall be paid by the electronic commerce operator if such services are supplied through it, and all the provisions of this Act shall apply to such electronic commerce operator as if he is the supplier liable for paying the tax in relation to the supply of such services:

Provided that where an electronic commerce operator does not have a physical presence in the taxable territory, any person representing such electronic commerce operator for any purpose in the taxable territory shall be liable to pay tax:

Provided further that where an electronic commerce operator does not have a physical presence in the taxable territory and also he does not have a representative in the said territory, such electronic commerce operator shall appoint a person in the taxable territory for the purpose of paying tax and such person shall be liable to pay tax.

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*Section 10. Composition levy.*— (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Act but subject to the provisions of sub-sections (3) and (4) of Section 9, a registered person, whose aggregate turnover in the preceding financial year did not exceed fifty lakh rupees, may opt to pay, in lieu of the tax payable by him under sub-section (1) of Section 9, an amount of tax calculated at such rate as may be prescribed, but not exceeding,—

(a) one percent of the turnover in State or turnover in Union territory in case of a manufacturer,

(b) two and a half percent of the turnover in State or turnover in Union territory in case of persons engaged in making supplies referred to in clause (b) of paragraph 6 of Schedule II, and

(c) half percent of the turnover in State or turnover in Union territory in case of other suppliers, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed:

Provided that the Government may, by notification, increase the said limit of fifty lakh rupees to such higher amount, not exceeding one crore and fifty lakh rupees, as may be recommended by the Council:

Provided further that a person who opts to pay tax under clause (a) or clause (b) or clause (c) may supply services (other than those referred to in clause (b) of paragraph 6 of Schedule II), of value not exceeding ten per cent. of turnover in a State or Union territory in the preceding financial year or five lakh rupees, whichever is higher.

*Explanation.*— For the purposes of second proviso, the value of exempt supply of services provided by way of extending deposits, loans or advances in so far as the consideration is represented by way of interest or discount shall not be taken into account for determining the value of turnover in a State or Union territory.

(2) The registered person shall be eligible to opt under sub-section (1), if:—

(a) save as provided in sub-section (1), he is not engaged in the supply of services;

(b) he is not engaged in making any supply of services which are not leviable to tax under this Act;

(c) he is not engaged in making any inter-State outward supplies of goods or service;

(d) he is not engaged in making any supply of goods or services through an electronic

commerce operator who is required to collect tax at source under section 52;

(e) he is not a manufacturer of such goods as may be notified by the Government on the recommendations of the Council; and

(f) he is neither a casual taxable person nor a non-resident taxable person:

Provided that where more than one registered persons are having the same Permanent Account Number issued under the Income-tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961), the registered person shall not be eligible to opt for the scheme under sub-section (1) unless all such registered persons opt to pay tax under that sub-section.

(2A) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Act, but subject to the provisions of sub-sections (3) and (4) of Section 9, a registered person, not eligible to opt to pay tax under sub-section (1) and sub-section (2), whose aggregate turnover in the preceding financial year did not exceed fifty lakh rupees, may opt to pay, in lieu of the tax payable by him under sub-section (1) of section 9, an amount of tax calculated at such rate as may be prescribed, but not exceeding three per cent. of the turnover in State or turnover in Union territory, if he is not-

(a) engaged in making any supply of goods or services which are not leviable to tax under this Act;

(b) engaged in making any inter-State outward supplies of goods or services;

(c) engaged in making any supply of services through an electronic commerce operator who is required to collect tax at source under section 52;

(d) a manufacturer of such goods or supplier of such services as may be notified by the Government on the recommendations of the Council; and

(e) a casual taxable person or a non-resident taxable person:

Provided that where more than one registered person are having the same Permanent Account Number issued under the Income-tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961), the registered person shall not be eligible to opt for the scheme under this sub-section unless all such registered persons opt to pay tax under this sub-section.

(3) The option availed of by a registered person under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2A), as the

case may be, shall lapse with effect from the day on which his aggregate turnover during a financial year exceeds the limit specified under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2A), as the case may be.

(4) A taxable person to whom the provisions of sub-section (1) or, as the case may be, sub-section (2A) apply shall not collect any tax from the recipient on supplies made by him nor shall he be entitled to any credit of input tax.

(5) If the proper officer has reasons to believe that a taxable person has paid tax under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2A), as the case may be, despite not being eligible, such person shall, in addition to any tax that may be payable by him under any other provisions of this Act, be liable to a penalty and the provisions of Section 73 or Section 74 shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply for determination of tax and penalty.

*Explanation 1.*— For the purposes of computing aggregate turnover of a person for determining his eligibility to pay tax under this section, the expression “aggregate turnover” shall include the value of supplies made by such person from the 1st day of April of a financial year up to the date when he becomes liable for registration under this Act, but shall not include the value of exempt supply of services provided by way of extending deposits, loans or advances in so far as the consideration is represented by way of interest or discount.

*Explanation 2.*— For the purposes of determining the tax payable by a person under this section, the expression “turnover in State or turnover in Union territory” shall not include the value of following supplies, namely:—

(i) supplies from the first day of April of a financial year up to the date when such person becomes liable for registration under this Act; and

(ii) exempt supply of services provided by way of extending deposits, loans or advances in so far as the consideration is represented by way of interest or discount.

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*Section 13. Time of Supply of Services.*— (1) The liability to pay tax on services shall arise at the time of supply, as determined in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(2) The time of supply of services shall be the earliest of the following dates, namely:—

(a) the date of issue of invoice by the supplier, if the invoice is issued within the period

prescribed under Section 31 or the date of receipt of payment, whichever is earlier; or

(b) the date of provision of service, if the invoice is not issued within the period prescribed under Section 31 or the date of receipt of payment, whichever is earlier; or

(c) the date on which the recipient shows the receipt of services in his books of account, in a case where the provisions of clause (a) or clause (b) do not: apply

Provided that where the supplier of taxable service receives an amount up to one thousand rupees in excess of the amount indicated in the tax invoice, the time of supply to the extent of such excess amount shall, at the option of the said supplier, be the date of issue of invoice relating to such excess amount.

*Explanation.*— For the purposes of clauses (a) and (b)—

(i) the supply shall be deemed to have been made to the extent it is covered by the invoice or, as the case may be, the payment;

(ii) “the date of receipt of payment” shall be the date on which the payment is entered in the books of account of the supplier or the date on which the payment is credited to his bank account, whichever is earlier.

(3) In case of supplies in respect of which tax is paid or liable to be paid on reverse charge basis, the time of supply shall be the earlier of the following dates, namely:—

(a) the date of payment as entered in the books of account of the recipient or the date on which the payment is debited in his bank account, whichever is earlier; or

(b) the date immediately following sixty days from the date of issue of invoice or any other document, by whatever name called, in lieu thereof by the supplier:

Provided that where it is not possible to determine the time of supply under clause (a) or clause (b), the time of supply shall be the date of entry in the books of account of the recipient of supply:

Provided further that in case of supply by associated enterprises, where the supplier of service is located outside India, the time of supply shall be the date of entry in the books of account of the recipient of supply or the date of payment, whichever is earlier.



(4) In case of supply of vouchers by a supplier, the time of supply shall be—

(a) the date of issue of voucher, if the supply is identifiable at that point; or

(b) the date of redemption of voucher, in all other cases.

(5) Where it is not possible to determine the time of supply under the provisions of sub-section (2) or sub-section (3) or sub-section (4), the time of supply shall—

(a) in a case where a periodical return has to be filed, be the date on which such return is to be filed; or

(b) in any other case, be the date on which the tax is paid.

(6) The time of supply to the extent it relates to an addition in the value of supply by way of interest, late fee or penalty for delayed payment of any consideration shall be the date on which the supplier receives such addition in value.

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*Section 16. Eligibility and conditions for taking input tax credit.*— (1) Every registered person shall, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed and in the manner specified in Section 49, be entitled to take credit of input tax charged on any supply of goods or services or both to him which are used or intended to be used in the course or furtherance of his business and the said amount shall be credited to the electronic credit ledger of such person.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, no registered person shall be entitled to the credit of any input tax in respect of any supply of goods or services or both to him unless,—

(a) he is in possession of a tax invoice or debit note issued by a supplier registered under this Act, or such other tax paying documents as may be prescribed;

(aa) the details of the invoice or debit note referred to in clause (a) has been furnished by the supplier in the statement of outward supplies and such details have been communicated to the recipient of such invoice or debit note in the manner specified under Section 37;

(b) he has received the goods or services or both.

*Explanation.*— For the purposes of this clause, it shall be deemed that the registered person has received the goods or, as the case may be, services—

(i) where the goods are delivered by the supplier to a recipient or any other person on the direction of such registered person, whether acting as an agent or otherwise, before or during movement of goods, either by way of transfer of documents of title to goods or otherwise;

(ii) where the services are provided by the supplier to any person on the direction of and on account of such registered person;

(ba) the details of input tax credit in respect of the said supply communicated to such registered person under Section 38 has not been restricted;

(c) subject to the provisions of Section 41, the tax charged in respect of such supply has been actually paid to the Government, either in cash or through utilisation of input tax credit admissible in respect of the said supply; and

(d) he has furnished the return under Section 39:

Provided that where the goods against an invoice are received in lots or instalments, the registered person shall be entitled to take credit upon receipt of the last lot or instalment:

Provided further that where a recipient fails to pay to the supplier of goods or services or both, other than the supplies on which tax is payable on reverse charge basis, the amount towards the value of supply along with tax payable thereon within a period of one hundred and eighty days from the date of issue of invoice by the supplier, an amount equal to the input tax credit availed by the recipient shall be paid by him along with interest payable under Section 50, in such manner as may be prescribed:

Provided also that the recipient shall be entitled to avail of the credit of input tax on payment made by him to the supplier of the amount towards the value of supply of goods or services or both along with tax payable thereon.

(3) Where the registered person has claimed depreciation on the tax component of the cost of capital goods and plant and machinery under the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961), the input tax credit on the said tax component shall not be allowed.

(4) A registered person shall not be entitled to take input tax credit in respect of any invoice or

debit note for supply of goods or services or both after the thirtieth day of November following the end of financial year to which such invoice or debit note pertains or furnishing of the relevant annual return, whichever is earlier.

Provided that the registered person shall be entitled to take input tax credit after the due date of furnishing of the return under Section 39 for the month of September, 2018 till the due date of furnishing of the return under the said section for the month of March, 2019 in respect of any invoice or invoice relating to such debit note for supply of goods or services or both made during the financial year 2017-18, the details of which have been uploaded by the supplier under sub-section (1) of Section 37 till the due date for furnishing the details under sub-section (1) of said section for the month of March, 2019.

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*Section 17. Apportionment of credit and blocked credits.*— (1) Where the goods or services or both are used by the registered person partly for the purpose of any business and partly for other purposes, the amount of credit shall be restricted to so much of the input tax as is attributable to the purposes of his business.

(2) Where the goods or services or both are used by the registered person partly for effecting taxable supplies including zero-rated supplies under this Act or under the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act and partly for effecting exempt supplies under the said Acts, the amount of credit shall be restricted to so much of the input tax as is attributable to the said taxable supplies including zero-rated supplies.

(3) The value of exempt supply under sub-section (2) shall be such as may be prescribed, and shall include supplies on which the recipient is liable to pay tax on reverse charge basis, transactions in securities, sale of land and, subject to clause (b) of paragraph 5 of Schedule II, sale of building.

*Explanation.*— For the purposes of this sub-section, the expression “value of exempt supply” shall not include the value of activities or transactions specified in Schedule III, except,—

(i) the value of activities or transactions specified in paragraph 5 of the said Schedule; and

(ii) the value of such activities or transactions as may be prescribed in respect of clause (a) of paragraph 8 of the said Schedule.;

(4) A banking company or a financial institution including a non-banking financial company, engaged in supplying services by way of accepting deposits, extending loans or advances shall have the option to either comply with the provisions of sub-section (2), or avail of, every month, an amount equal to fifty per cent. of the eligible input tax credit on inputs, capital goods and input services in that month and the rest shall lapse:

Provided that the option once exercised shall not be withdrawn during the remaining part of the financial year:

Provided further that the restriction of fifty per cent. shall not apply to the tax paid on supplies made by one registered person to another registered person having the same Permanent Account Number.

(5) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1) of Section 16 and sub-section (1) of Section 18, input tax credit shall not be available in respect of the following, namely:—

(a) motor vehicles for transportation of persons having approved seating capacity of not more than thirteen persons (including the driver), except when they are used for making the following taxable supplies, namely:—

(A) further supply of such motor vehicles; or

(B) transportation of passengers; or

(C) imparting training on driving such motor vehicles;

(aa) vessels and aircraft except when they are used—

(i) for making the following taxable supplies, namely:—

(A) further supply of such vessels or aircraft; or

(B) transportation of passengers; or

(C) imparting training on navigating such vessels; or

(D) imparting training on flying such aircraft;

(ii) for transportation of goods;

(ab) services of general insurance, servicing, repair and maintenance in so far as they relate to motor vehicles, vessels or aircraft referred to in clause (a) or clause (aa):

Provided that the input tax credit in respect of such services shall be available—

(i) where the motor vehicles, vessels or aircraft referred to in clause (a) or clause (aa) are used for the purposes specified therein;

(ii) where received by a taxable person engaged—

(I) in the manufacture of such motor vehicles, vessels or aircraft; or

(II) in the supply of general insurance services in respect of such motor vehicles, vessels or aircraft insured by him;

(b) the following supply of goods or services or both—

(i) food and beverages, outdoor catering, beauty treatment, health services, cosmetic and plastic surgery, leasing, renting or hiring of motor vehicles, vessels or aircraft referred to in clause (a) or clause (aa) except when used for the purposes specified therein, life insurance and health insurance:

Provided that the input tax credit in respect of such goods or services or both shall be available where an inward supply of such goods or services or both is used by a registered person for making an outward taxable supply of the same category of goods or services or both or as an element of a taxable composite or mixed supply;

(ii) membership of a club, health and fitness centre; and

(iii) travel benefits extended to employees on vacation such as leave or home travel concession:

Provided that the input tax credit in respect of such goods or services or both shall be available, where it is obligatory for an employer to provide the same to its employees under any law for the time being in force.

(c) works contract services when supplied for construction of an immovable property (other than plant and machinery) except where it is an input service for further supply of works contract service;

(d) goods or services or both received by a taxable person for construction of an immovable property (other than plant or machinery) on his own account including when such goods or services or both are used in the course or furtherance of business.

*Explanation.*— For the purposes of clauses (c) and (d), the expression “construction” includes re-construction, renovation, additions or alterations

or repairs, to the extent of capitalisation, to the said immovable property;

(e) goods or services or both on which tax has been paid under Section 10;

(f) goods or services or both received by a non-resident taxable person except on goods imported by him;

(fa) goods or services or both received by a taxable person, which are used or intended to be used for activities relating to his obligations under corporate social responsibility referred to in Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013;

(g) goods or services or both used for personal consumption;

(h) goods lost, stolen, destroyed, written off or disposed of by way of gift or free samples; and

(i) any tax paid in accordance with the provisions of Sections 74, 129 and 130.

(6) The Government may prescribe the manner in which the credit referred to in sub-sections (1) and (2) may be attributed.

*Explanation.*— For the purposes of this Chapter and Chapter VI, the expression “plant and machinery” means apparatus, equipment, and machinery fixed to earth by foundation or structural support that are used for making outward supply of goods or services or both and includes such foundation and structural supports but excludes—

(i) land, building or any other civil structures;

(ii) telecommunication towers; and

(iii) pipelines laid outside the factory premises.

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*Section 21. Manner of recovery of credit distributed in excess.*—

Where the Input Service Distributor distributes the credit in contravention of the provisions contained in Section 20 resulting in excess distribution of credit to one or more recipients of credit, the excess credit so distributed shall be recovered from such recipients along with interest, and the provisions of Section 73 or Section 74, as the case may be, shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply for determination of amount to be recovered.

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*Section 30. Revocation of cancellation of registration.*— (1) Subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, any registered person, whose registration is cancelled by the proper officer on

his own motion, may apply to such officer for revocation of cancellation of the registration in such manner, within such time and subject to such conditions and restrictions, as may be prescribed.

(2) The proper officer may, in such manner and within such period as may be prescribed, by order, either revoke cancellation of the registration or reject the application:

Provided that the application for revocation of cancellation of registration shall not be rejected unless the applicant has been given an opportunity of being heard.

(3) The revocation of cancellation of registration under the State Goods and Services Tax Act or the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act, as the case may be, shall be deemed to be a revocation of cancellation of registration under this Act.

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*Section 31. Tax invoice.*— (1) A registered person supplying taxable goods shall, before or at the time of,—

(a) removal of goods for supply to the recipient, where the supply involves movement of goods; or

(b) delivery of goods or making available thereof to the recipient, in any other case, issue a tax invoice showing the description, quantity and value of goods, the tax charged thereon and such other particulars as may be prescribed:

Provided that the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, specify the categories of goods or supplies in respect of which a tax invoice shall be issued, within such time and in such manner as may be prescribed.

(2) A registered person supplying taxable services shall, before or after the provision of service but within a prescribed period, issue a tax invoice, showing the description, value, tax charged thereon and such other particulars as may be prescribed:

Provided that the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification,—

(a) specify the categories of services or supplies in respect of which a tax invoice shall be issued, within such time and in such manner as may be prescribed;

(b) subject to the condition mentioned therein, specify the categories of services in respect of which—

(i) any other document issued in relation to the supply shall be deemed to be a tax invoice; or

(ii) tax invoice may not be issued.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-sections (1) and (2)—

(a) a registered person may, within one month from the date of issuance of certificate of registration and in such manner as may be prescribed, issue a revised invoice against the invoice already issued during the period beginning with the effective date of registration till the date of issuance of certificate of registration to him;

(b) a registered person may not issue a tax invoice if the value of the goods or services or both supplied is less than two hundred rupees subject to such conditions and in such manner as may be prescribed;

(c) a registered person supplying exempted goods or services or both or paying tax under the provisions of section 10 shall issue, instead of a tax invoice, a bill of supply containing such particulars and in such manner as may be prescribed:

Provided that the registered person may not issue a bill of supply if the value of the goods or services or both supplied is less than two hundred rupees subject to such conditions and in such manner as may be prescribed;

(d) a registered person shall, on receipt of advance payment with respect to any supply of goods or services or both, issue a receipt voucher or any other document, containing such particulars as may be prescribed, evidencing receipt of such payment;

(e) where, on receipt of advance payment with respect to any supply of goods or services or both the registered person issues a receipt voucher, but subsequently no supply is made and no tax invoice is issued in pursuance thereof, the said registered person may issue to the person who had made the payment, a refund voucher against such payment;

(f) a registered person who is liable to pay tax under sub-section (3) or sub-section (4) of Section 9 shall issue an invoice in respect of goods or services or both received by him from the supplier who is not registered on the date of receipt of goods or services or both;



(g) a registered person who is liable to pay tax under sub-section (3) or sub-section (4) of section 9 shall issue a payment voucher at the time of making payment to the supplier.

(4) In case of continuous supply of goods, where successive statements of accounts or successive payments are involved, the invoice shall be issued before or at the time each such statement is issued or, as the case may be, each such payment is received.

(5) Subject to the provisions of clause (d) of sub-section (3), in case of continuous supply of services,—

(a) where the due date of payment is ascertainable from the contract, the invoice shall be issued on or before the due date of payment;

(b) where the due date of payment is not ascertainable from the contract, the invoice shall be issued before or at the time when the supplier of service receives the payment;

(c) where the payment is linked to the completion of an event, the invoice shall be issued on or before the date of completion of that event.

(6) In a case where the supply of services ceases under a contract before the completion of the supply, the invoice shall be issued at the time when the supply ceases and such invoice shall be issued to the extent of the supply made before such cessation.

(7) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), where the goods being sent or taken on approval for sale or return are removed before the supply takes place, the invoice shall be issued before or at the time of supply or six months from the date of removal, whichever is earlier.

*Explanation.*— For the purposes of this section, the expression “tax invoice” shall include any revised invoice issued by the supplier in respect of a supply made earlier.

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*Section 35. Accounts and other records.*— (1) Every registered person shall keep and maintain, at his principal place of business, as mentioned in the certificate of registration, a true and correct account of—

(a) production or manufacture of goods;

(b) inward and outward supply of goods or services or both;

(c) stock of goods;

(d) input tax credit availed;

(e) output tax payable and paid; and

(f) such other particulars as may be prescribed:

Provided that where more than one place of business is specified in the certificate of registration, the accounts relating to each place of business shall be kept at such places of business:

Provided further that the registered person may keep and maintain such accounts and other particulars in electronic form in such manner as may be prescribed.

(2) Every owner or operator of warehouse or godown or any other place used for storage of goods and every transporter, irrespective of whether he is a registered person or not, shall maintain records of the consigner, consignee and other relevant details of the goods in such manner as may be prescribed.

(3) The Commissioner may notify a class of taxable persons to maintain additional accounts or documents for such purpose as may be specified therein.

(4) Where the Commissioner considers that any class of taxable person is not in a position to keep and maintain accounts in accordance with the provisions of this section, he may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, permit such class of taxable persons to maintain accounts in such manner as may be prescribed.

(6) Subject to the provisions of clause (h) of sub-section (5) of Section 17, where the registered person fails to account for the goods or services or both in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (1), the proper officer shall determine the amount of tax payable on the goods or services or both that are not accounted for, as if such goods or services or both had been supplied by such person and the provisions of Section 73 or Section 74, as the case may be, shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply for determination of such tax.

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*Section 39. Furnishing of returns.*— (1) Every registered person, other than an Input Service Distributor or a non-resident taxable person or a person paying tax under the provisions of Section 10 or Section 51 or Section 52 shall, for every calendar month or part thereof, furnish, a return, electronically, of inward and outward supplies of goods or services or both, input tax credit availed, tax payable, tax paid and such other particulars, in

such form and manner, and within such time, as may be prescribed:

Provided that the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, notify certain class of registered persons who shall furnish a return for every quarter or part thereof, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be specified therein.

(2) A registered person paying tax under the provisions of Section 10, shall, for each financial year or part thereof, furnish a return, electronically, of turnover in the State or Union territory, inward supplies of goods or services or both, tax payable, tax paid and such other particulars in such form and manner, and within such time, as may be prescribed.

(3) Every registered person required to deduct tax at source under the provisions of Section 51 shall furnish, in such form and manner as may be prescribed, a return, electronically, for the month in which such deductions have been made within ten days after the end of such month.

(4) Every taxable person registered as an Input Service Distributor shall, for every calendar month or part thereof, furnish, in such form and manner as may be prescribed, a return, electronically, within thirteen days after the end of such month.

(5) Every registered non-resident taxable person shall, for every calendar month or part thereof, furnish, in such form and manner as may be prescribed, a return, electronically, within thirteen days after the end of a calendar month or within seven days after the last day of the period of registration specified under sub-section (1) of Section 27, whichever is earlier.

(6) The Commissioner may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, by notification, extend the time limit for furnishing the returns under this section for such class of registered persons as may be specified therein:

Provided that any extension of time limit notified by the Commissioner of State tax or Union territory tax shall be deemed to be notified by the Commissioner.

(7) Every registered person who is required to furnish a return under sub-section (1), other than the person referred to in the proviso thereto, or sub-section (3) or sub-section (5), shall pay to the Government the tax due as per such return not later than the last date on which he is required to furnish such return:

Provided that every registered person furnishing return under the proviso to sub-section (1) shall pay to the Government, in such form and manner, and within such time, as may be prescribed,—

(a) an amount equal to the tax due taking into account inward and outward supplies of goods or services or both, input tax credit availed, tax payable and such other particulars during a month; or

(b) in lieu of the amount referred to in clause (a), an amount determined in such manner and subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed

Provided further that every registered person furnishing return under sub-section (2) shall pay to the Government, the tax due taking into account turnover in the State or Union territory, inward supplies of goods or services or both, tax payable, and such other particulars during a quarter, in such form and manner, and within such time, as may be prescribed.

(8) Every registered person who is required to furnish a return under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) shall furnish a return for every tax period whether or not any supplies of goods or services or both have been made during such tax period.

(9) Where any registered person after furnishing a return under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) or sub-section (3) or sub-section (4) or sub-section (5) discovers any omission or incorrect particulars therein, other than as a result of scrutiny, audit, inspection or enforcement activity by the tax authorities, he shall rectify such omission or incorrect particulars in the return to be furnished for the month or quarter during which such omission or incorrect particulars in such form and manner as may be prescribed, subject to payment of interest under this Act:

Provided that no such rectification of any omission or incorrect particulars shall be allowed after the thirtieth day of November following the end of the financial year to which such details pertain, or the actual date of furnishing of relevant annual return, whichever is earlier.

(10) A registered person shall not be allowed to furnish a return for a tax period if the return for any of the previous tax periods or the details of outward supplies under sub-section (1) of section 37 for the said tax period has not been furnished by him:

Provided that the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification,

subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be specified therein, allow a registered person or a class of registered persons to furnish the return, even if he has not furnished the returns for one or more previous tax periods or has not furnished the details of outward supplies under sub-section (1) of section 37 for the said tax period

(11) A registered person shall not be allowed to furnish a return for a tax period after the expiry of a period of three years from the due date of furnishing the said return:

Provided that the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be specified therein, allow a registered person or a class of registered persons to furnish the return for a tax period, even after the expiry of the said period of three years from the due date of furnishing the said return.

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*Section 49. Payment of tax, interest, penalty and other amounts.—* (1) Every deposit made towards tax, interest, penalty, fee or any other amount by a person by internet banking or by using credit or debit cards or National Electronic Fund Transfer or Real Time Gross Settlement or by such other mode and subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed, shall be credited to the electronic cash ledger of such person to be maintained in such manner as may be prescribed.

(2) The input tax credit as self-assessed in the return of a registered person shall be credited to his electronic credit ledger, in accordance with Section 41, to be maintained in such manner as may be prescribed.

(3) The amount available in the electronic cash ledger may be used for making any payment towards tax, interest, penalty, fees or any other amount payable under the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder in such manner and subject to such conditions and within such time as may be prescribed.

(4) The amount available in the electronic credit ledger may be used for making any payment towards output tax under this Act or under the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act in such manner and subject to such conditions and restrictions within such time as may be prescribed.

(5) The amount of input tax credit available in the electronic credit ledger of the registered person on account of—

(a) integrated tax shall first be utilised towards payment of integrated tax and the amount remaining, if any, may be utilised towards the payment of central tax and State tax, or as the case may be, Union territory tax, in that order;

(b) the central tax shall first be utilised towards payment of central tax and the amount remaining, if any, may be utilised towards the payment of integrated tax;

(c) the State tax shall first be utilised towards payment of State tax and the amount remaining, if any, may be utilised towards payment of integrated tax

Provided that the input tax credit on account of State tax shall be utilised towards payment of integrated tax only where the balance of the input tax credit on account of central tax is not available for payment of integrated tax;

(d) the Union territory tax shall first be utilised towards payment of Union territory tax and the amount remaining, if any, may be utilised towards payment of integrated tax:

Provided that the input tax credit on account of Union territory tax shall be utilised towards payment of integrated tax only where the balance of the input tax credit on account of central tax is not available for payment of integrated tax;

(e) the central tax shall not be utilised towards payment of State tax or Union territory tax; and

(f) the State tax or Union territory tax shall not be utilised towards payment of central tax.

(6) The balance in the electronic cash ledger or electronic credit ledger after payment of tax, interest, penalty, fee or any other amount payable under this Act or the rules made thereunder may be refunded in accordance with the provisions of Section 54.

(7) All liabilities of a taxable person under this Act shall be recorded and maintained in an electronic liability register in such manner as may be prescribed.

(8) Every taxable person shall discharge his tax and other dues under this Act or the rules made thereunder in the following order, namely:-

(a) self-assessed tax, and other dues related to returns of previous tax periods;

(b) self-assessed tax, and other dues related to the return of the current tax period;

(c) any other amount payable under this Act or the rules made thereunder including the demand determined under Section 73 or Section 74.

(9) Every person who has paid the tax on goods or services or both under this Act shall, unless the contrary is proved by him, be deemed to have passed on the full incidence of such tax to the recipient of such goods or services or both.

(10) A registered person may, on the common portal, transfer any amount of tax, interest, penalty, fee or any other amount available in the electronic cash ledger under this Act, to the electronic cash ledger for,—

(a) integrated tax, central tax, State tax, Union territory tax or cess; or

(b) integrated tax or central tax of a distinct person as specified in sub-section (4) or, as the case may be, sub-section (5) of section 25, in such form and manner and subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed and such transfer shall be deemed to be a refund from the electronic cash ledger under this Act:

Provided that no such transfer under clause (b) shall be allowed if the said registered person has any unpaid liability in his electronic liability register.

(11) Where any amount has been transferred to the electronic cash ledger under this Act, the same shall be deemed to be deposited in the said ledger as provided in sub-section (1).

(12) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, subject to such conditions and restrictions, specify such maximum proportion of output tax liability under this Act or under the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 which may be discharged through the electronic credit ledger by a registered person or a class of registered persons, as may be prescribed

*Explanation.*— For the purposes of this section,—

(a) the date of credit to the account of the Government in the authorised bank shall be deemed to be the date of deposit in the electronic cash ledger;

(b) the expression,—

(i) “tax dues” means the tax payable under this Act and does not include interest, fee and penalty; and

(ii) “other dues” means interest, penalty, fee or any other amount payable under this Act or the rules made thereunder

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*Section 50. Interest on delayed payment of tax.*— (1) Every person who is liable to pay tax in accordance with the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder, but fails to pay the tax or any part thereof to the Government within the period prescribed, shall for the period for which the tax or any part thereof remains unpaid, pay, on his own, interest at such rate, not exceeding eighteen per cent., as may be notified by the Government on the recommendations of the Council:

Provided that the interest on tax payable in respect of supplies made during a tax period and declared in the return for the said period furnished after the due date in accordance with the provisions of Section 39, except where such return is furnished after commencement of any proceedings under Section 73 or Section 74 in respect of the said period, shall be levied on that portion of the tax that is paid by debiting the electronic cash ledger.

(2) The interest under sub-section (1) shall be calculated, in such manner as may be prescribed, from the day succeeding the day on which such tax was due to be paid.

(3) Where the input tax credit has been wrongly availed and utilized, the registered person shall pay interest on such input tax credit wrongly availed and utilised, at such rate not exceeding twenty-four per cent. as may be notified by the Government, on the recommendations of the Council, and the interest shall be calculated, in such manner as may be prescribed.

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*Section 51. Tax deduction at source.*— (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Act, the Government may mandate,—

(a) a department or establishment of the Central Government or State Government; or

(b) local authority; or

(c) Governmental agencies; or

(d) such persons or category of persons as may be notified by the Government on the recommendations of the Council, (hereafter in this section referred to as “the deductor”), to deduct tax at the rate of one per cent. from the



payment made or credited to the supplier (hereafter in this section referred to as "the deductee") of taxable goods or services or both, where the total value of such supply, under a contract, exceeds two lakh and fifty thousand rupees:

Provided that no deduction shall be made if the location of the supplier and the place of supply is in a State or Union territory which is different from the State or as the case may be, Union territory of registration of the recipient.

*Explanation.*— For the purpose of deduction of tax specified above, the value of supply shall be taken as the amount excluding the central tax, State tax, Union territory tax, integrated tax and cess indicated in the invoice.

(2) The amount deducted as tax under this section shall be paid to the Government by the deductor within ten days after the end of the month in which such deduction is made, in such manner as may be prescribed.

(3) A certificate of tax deduction at source shall be issued in such form and in such manner as may be prescribed.

(5) The deductee shall claim credit, in his electronic cash ledger, of the tax deducted and reflected in the return of the deductor furnished under sub-section (3) of Section 39, in such manner as may be prescribed.

(6) If any deductor fails to pay to the Government the amount deducted as tax under sub-section (1), he shall pay interest in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (1) of Section 50, in addition to the amount of tax deducted.

(7) The determination of the amount in default under this section shall be made in the manner specified in Section 73 or Section 74.

(8) The refund to the deductor or the deductee arising on account of excess or erroneous deduction shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of Section 54:

Provided that no refund to the deductor shall be granted, if the amount deducted has been credited to the electronic cash ledger of the deductee.

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*Section 54. Refund of tax.*— (1) Any person claiming refund of any tax and interest, if any, paid on such tax or any other amount paid by him, may make an application before the expiry of two years

from the relevant date in such form and manner as may be prescribed:

Provided that a registered person, claiming refund of any balance in the electronic cash ledger in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (6) of Section 49, may claim such refund in such form and manner as may be prescribed.

(2) A specialised agency of the United Nations Organisation or any Multilateral Financial Institution and Organisation notified under the United Nations (Privileges and Immunities) Act, 1947 (46 of 1947), Consulate or Embassy of foreign countries or any other person or class of persons, as notified under Section 55, entitled to a refund of tax paid by it on inward supplies of goods or services or both, may make an application for such refund, in such form and manner as may be prescribed, before the expiry of two years from the last day of the quarter in which such supply was received.

(3) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (10), a registered person may claim refund of any unutilised input tax credit at the end of any tax period:

Provided that no refund of unutilised input tax credit shall be allowed in cases other than-

(i) zero rated supplies made without payment of tax;

(ii) where the credit has accumulated on account of rate of tax on inputs being higher than the rate of tax on output supplies (other than nil rated or fully exempt supplies), except supplies of goods or services or both as may be notified by the Government on the recommendations of the Council:

Provided further that no refund of unutilised input tax credit shall be allowed in cases where the goods exported out of India are subjected to export duty:

Provided also that no refund of input tax credit shall be allowed, if the supplier of goods or services or both avails of drawback in respect of state tax or claims refund of the integrated tax paid on such supplies.

(4) The application shall be accompanied by—

(a) such documentary evidence as may be prescribed to establish that a refund is due to the applicant; and

(b) such documentary or other evidence (including the documents referred to in

Section 33) as the applicant may furnish to establish that the amount of tax and interest, if any, paid on such tax or any other amount paid in relation to which such refund is claimed was collected from, or paid by, him and the incidence of such tax and interest had not been passed on to any other person:

Provided that where the amount claimed as refund is less than two lakh rupees, it shall not be necessary for the applicant to furnish any documentary and other evidences but he may file a declaration, based on the documentary or other evidences available with him, certifying that the incidence of such tax and interest had not been passed on to any other person.

(5) If, on receipt of any such application, the proper officer is satisfied that the whole or part of the amount claimed as refund is refundable, he may make an order accordingly and the amount so determined shall be credited to the Fund referred to in Section 57.

(6) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (5), the proper officer may, in the case of any claim for refund on account of zero-rated supply of goods or services or both made by registered persons, other than such category of registered persons as may be notified by the Government on the recommendations of the Council, refund on a provisional basis, ninety per cent. of the total amount so claimed, in such manner and subject to such conditions, limitations and safeguards as may be prescribed and thereafter make an order under sub-section (5) for final settlement of the refund claim after due verification of documents furnished by the applicant.

(7) The proper officer shall issue the order under sub-section (5) within sixty days from the date of receipt of application complete in all respects.

(8) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (5), the refundable amount shall, instead of being credited to the Fund, be paid to the applicant, if such amount is relatable to—

(a) refund of tax paid on export of goods or services or both or on inputs or input services used in making such exports;

(b) refund of unutilised input tax credit under sub-section (3);

(c) refund of tax paid on a supply which is not provided, either wholly or partially, and for which invoice has not been issued, or where a refund voucher has been issued;

(d) refund of tax in pursuance of section 77;

(e) the tax and interest, if any, or any other amount paid by the applicant, if he had not passed on the incidence of such tax and interest to any other person; or

(f) the tax or interest borne by such other class of applicants as the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, specify.

(8A) The Government may disburse the refund of the State tax in such manner as may be prescribed.

(9) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any judgment, decree, order or direction of the Appellate Tribunal or any court or in any other provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder or in any other law for the time being in force, no refund shall be made except in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (8).

(10) Where any refund is due to a registered person who has defaulted in furnishing any return or who is required to pay any tax, interest or penalty, which has not been stayed by any court, Tribunal or Appellate Authority by the specified date, the proper officer may—

(a) withhold payment of refund due until the said person has furnished the return or paid the tax, interest or penalty, as the case may be;

(b) deduct from the refund due, any tax, interest, penalty, fee or any other amount which the taxable person is liable to pay but which remains unpaid under this Act or under the existing law .

*Explanation.*— For the purposes of this sub-section, the expression “specified date” shall mean the last date for filing an appeal under this Act.

(11) Where an order giving rise to a refund is the subject matter of an appeal or further proceedings or where any other proceedings under this Act is pending and the Commissioner is of the opinion that grant of such refund is likely to adversely affect the revenue in the said appeal or other proceedings on account of malfeasance or fraud committed, he may, after giving the taxable person an opportunity of being heard, withhold the refund till such time as he may determine.

(12) Where a refund is withheld under sub-section (11), the taxable person shall, notwithstanding anything contained in Section 56, be entitled to interest at such rate not exceeding six per cent. as may be notified on the recommendations of the

Council, if as a result of the appeal or further proceedings he becomes entitled to refund.

(13) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this section, the amount of advance tax deposited by a casual taxable person or a non-resident taxable person under sub-section (2) of section 27, shall not be refunded unless such person has, in respect of the entire period for which the certificate of registration granted to him had remained in force, furnished all the returns required under section 39.

(14) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, no refund under sub-section (5) or sub-section (6) shall be paid to an applicant, if the amount is less than one thousand rupees.

*Explanation.*— For the purposes of this section,—

(1) “refund” includes refund of tax paid on zero-rated supplies of goods or services or both or on inputs or input services used in making such zero-rated supplies, or refund of tax on the supply of goods regarded as deemed exports, or refund of unutilised input tax credit as provided under sub-section (3).

(2) “relevant date” means—

(a) in the case of goods exported out of India where a refund of tax paid is available in respect of goods themselves or, as the case may be, the inputs or input services used in such goods,—

(i) if the goods are exported by sea or air, the date on which the ship or the aircraft in which such goods are loaded, leaves India; or

(ii) if the goods are exported by land, the date on which such goods pass the frontier; or

(iii) if the goods are exported by post, the date of dispatch of goods by the Post Office concerned to a place outside India;

(b) in the case of supply of goods regarded as deemed exports where a refund of tax paid is available in respect of the goods, the date on which the return relating to such deemed exports is furnished;

(ba) in case of zero-rated supply of goods or services or both to a Special Economic Zone developer or a Special Economic Zone unit where a refund of tax paid is available in respect of such supplies themselves, or as the case may be, the inputs or input services used in such supplies, the due date for furnishing of return under section 39 in respect of such supplies;

(c) in the case of services exported out of India where a refund of tax paid is available in respect of services themselves or, as the case may be, the inputs or input services used in such services, the date of—

(i) receipt of payment in convertible foreign exchange or in Indian rupees wherever permitted by the Reserve Bank of India, where the supply of services had been completed prior to the receipt of such payment; or

(ii) issue of invoice, where payment for the services had been received in advance prior to the date of issue of the invoice;

(d) in case where the tax becomes refundable as a consequence of judgment, decree, order or direction of the Appellate Authority, Appellate Tribunal or any court, the date of communication of such judgment, decree, order or direction;

(e) in the case of refund of unutilised input tax credit under clause (ii) of the first proviso to sub-section (3), the due date for furnishing of return under section 39 for the period in which such claim for refund arises;

(f) in the case where tax is paid provisionally under this Act or the rules made thereunder, the date of adjustment of tax after the final assessment thereof;

(g) in the case of a person, other than the supplier, the date of receipt of goods or services or both by such person; and

(h) in any other case, the date of payment of tax.

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*Section 61. Scrutiny of returns.*— (1) The proper officer may scrutinize the return and related particulars furnished by the registered person to verify the correctness of the return and inform him of the discrepancies noticed, if any, in such manner as may be prescribed and seek his explanation thereto.

(2) In case the explanation is found acceptable, the registered person shall be informed accordingly and no further action shall be taken in this regard.

(3) In case no satisfactory explanation is furnished within a period of thirty days of being informed by the proper officer or such further period as may be permitted by him or where the registered person, after accepting the discrepancies, fails to take the corrective measure in his return for the month in which the discrepancy is accepted, the proper

officer may initiate appropriate action including those under Section 65 or Section 66 or Section 67, or proceed to determine the tax and other dues under Section 73 or Section 74.

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*Section 62. Assessment of non-filers of returns.*— (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Section 73 or Section 74, where a registered person fails to furnish the return under Section 39 or Section 45, even after the service of a notice under Section 46, the proper officer may proceed to assess the tax liability of the said person to the best of his judgement taking into account all the relevant material which is available or which he has gathered and issue an assessment order within a period of five years from the date specified under Section 44 for furnishing of the annual return for the financial year to which the tax not paid relates.

(2) Where the registered person furnishes a valid return within sixty days of the service of the assessment order under sub-section (1), the said assessment order shall be deemed to have been withdrawn but the liability for payment of interest under sub-section (1) of Section 50 or for payment of late fee under Section 47 shall continue.

Provided that where the registered person fails to furnish a valid return within sixty days of the service of the assessment order under sub-section (1), he may furnish the same within a further period of sixty days on payment of an additional late fee of one hundred rupees for each day of delay beyond sixty days of the service of the said assessment order and in case he furnishes valid return within such extended period, the said assessment order shall be deemed to have been withdrawn, but the liability to pay interest under sub-section (1) of Section 50 or to pay late fee under Section 47 shall continue.

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*Section 63. Assessment of unregistered persons.*— Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Section 73 or Section 74, where a taxable person fails to obtain registration even though liable to do so or whose registration has been cancelled under sub-section (2) of Section 29 but who was liable to pay tax, the proper officer may proceed to assess the tax liability of such taxable person to the best of his judgment for the relevant tax periods and issue an assessment order within a period of five years from the date specified under Section 44 for furnishing of the annual

return for the financial year to which the tax not paid relates:

Provided that no such assessment order shall be passed without giving the person an opportunity of being heard.

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*Section 64. Summary assessment in certain special cases.*— (1) The proper officer may, on any evidence showing a tax liability of a person coming to his notice, with the previous permission of Additional Commissioner or Joint Commissioner, proceed to assess the tax liability of such person to protect the interest of revenue and issue an assessment order, if he has sufficient grounds to believe that any delay in doing so may adversely affect the interest of revenue:

Provided that where the taxable person to whom the liability pertains is not ascertainable and such liability pertains to supply of goods, the person in charge of such goods shall be deemed to be the taxable person liable to be assessed and liable to pay tax and any other amount due under this section.

(2) On an application made by the taxable person within thirty days from the date of receipt of order passed under sub-section (1) or on his own motion, if the Additional Commissioner or Joint Commissioner considers that such order is erroneous, he may withdraw such order and follow the procedure laid down in Section 73 or Section 74.

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*Section 65. Audit by tax authorities.*— (1) The Commissioner or any officer authorised by him, by way of a general or a specific order, may undertake audit of any registered person for such period, at such frequency and in such manner as may be prescribed.

(2) The officers referred to in sub-section (1) may conduct audit at the place of business of the registered person or in their office.

(3) The registered person shall be informed by way of a notice not less than fifteen working days prior to the conduct of audit in such manner as may be prescribed.

(4) The audit under sub-section (1) shall be completed within a period of three months from the date of commencement of the audit:

Provided that where the Commissioner is satisfied that audit in respect of such registered person cannot be completed within three months,



he may, for the reasons to be recorded in writing, extend the period by a further period not exceeding six months.

*Explanation.*— For the purposes of this sub-section, the expression “commencement of audit” shall mean the date on which the records and other documents, called for by the tax authorities, are made available by the registered person or the actual institution of audit at the place of business, whichever is later.

(5) During the course of audit, the authorised officer may require the registered person,—

(i) to afford him the necessary facility to verify the books of account or other documents as he may require;

(ii) to furnish such information as he may require and render assistance for timely completion of the audit.

(6) On conclusion of audit, the proper officer shall, within thirty days, inform the registered person, whose records are audited, about the findings, his rights and obligations and the reasons for such findings.

(7) Where the audit conducted under sub-section (1) results in detection of tax not paid or short paid or erroneously refunded, or input tax credit wrongly availed or utilised, the proper officer may initiate action under Section 73 or Section 74.

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*Section 66. Special audit.*— (1) If at any stage of scrutiny, inquiry, investigation or any other proceedings before him, any officer not below the rank of Assistant Commissioner, having regard to the nature and complexity of the case and the interest of revenue, is of the opinion that the value has not been correctly declared or the credit availed is not within the normal limits, he may, with the prior approval of the Commissioner, direct such registered person by a communication in writing to get his records including books of account examined and audited by a chartered accountant or a cost accountant as may be nominated by the Commissioner.

(2) The chartered accountant or cost accountant so nominated shall, within the period of ninety days, submit a report of such audit duly signed and certified by him to the said Assistant Commissioner mentioning therein such other particulars as may be specified:

Provided that the Assistant Commissioner may, on an application made to him in this behalf by the

registered person or the chartered accountant or cost accountant or for any material and sufficient reason, extend the said period by a further period of ninety days.

(3) The provisions of sub-section (1) shall have effect notwithstanding that the accounts of the registered person have been audited under any other provisions of this Act or any other law for the time being in force.

(4) The registered person shall be given an opportunity of being heard in respect of any material gathered on the basis of special audit under sub-section (1) which is proposed to be used in any proceedings against him under this Act or the rules made thereunder.

(5) The expenses of the examination and audit of records under sub-section (1), including the remuneration of such chartered accountant or cost accountant, shall be determined and paid by the Commissioner and such determination shall be final.

(6) Where the special audit conducted under sub-section (1) results in detection of tax not paid or short paid or erroneously refunded, or input tax credit wrongly availed or utilised, the proper officer may initiate action under Section 73 or Section 74.

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*Section 70. Power to summon persons to give evidence and produce documents.*— (1) The proper officer under this Act shall have power to summon any person whose attendance he considers necessary either to give evidence or to produce a document or any other thing in any inquiry in the same manner, as provided in the case of a civil court under the provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (5 of 1908).

(2) Every such inquiry referred to in sub-section (1) shall be deemed to be a “judicial proceedings” within the meaning of section 193 and section 228 of the Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860).

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*Section 73. Determination of tax not paid or short paid or erroneously refunded or input tax credit wrongly availed or utilised for any reason other than fraud or any willful-misstatement or suppression of facts.*— (1) Where it appears to the proper officer that any tax has not been paid or short paid or erroneously refunded, or where input tax credit has been wrongly availed or utilised for any reason, other than the reason of fraud or any wilful-misstatement or suppression of facts to evade tax, he shall serve notice on the person chargeable with

tax which has not been so paid or which has been so short paid or to whom the refund has erroneously been made, or who has wrongly availed or utilised input tax credit, requiring him to show cause as to why he should not pay the amount specified in the notice along with interest payable thereon under Section 50 and a penalty leviable under the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder.

(2) The proper officer shall issue the notice under sub-section (1) at least three months prior to the time limit specified in sub-section (10) for issuance of order.

(3) Where a notice has been issued for any period under sub-section (1), the proper officer may serve a statement, containing the details of tax not paid or short paid or erroneously refunded or input tax credit wrongly availed or utilised for such periods other than those covered under sub-section (1), on the person chargeable with tax.

(4) The service of such statement shall be deemed to be service of notice on such person under sub-section (1), subject to the condition that the grounds relied upon for such tax periods other than those covered under sub-section (1) are the same as are mentioned in the earlier notice.

(5) The person chargeable with tax may, before service of notice under sub-section (1) or, as the case may be, the statement under sub-section (3), pay the amount of tax along with interest payable thereon under section 50 on the basis of his own ascertainment of such tax or the tax as ascertained by the proper officer and inform the proper officer in writing of such payment.

(6) The proper officer, on receipt of such information, shall not serve any notice under sub-section (1) or, as the case may be, the statement under sub-section (3), in respect of the tax so paid or any penalty payable under the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder.

(7) Where the proper officer is of the opinion that the amount paid under sub-section (5) falls short of the amount actually payable, he shall proceed to issue the notice as provided for in sub-section (1) in respect of such amount which falls short of the amount actually payable.

(8) Where any person chargeable with tax under sub-section (1) or sub-section (3) pays the said tax along with interest payable under section 50 within thirty days of issue of show cause notice, no penalty shall be payable and all proceedings in respect of the said notice shall be deemed to be concluded.

(9) The proper officer shall, after considering the representation, if any, made by person chargeable with tax, determine the amount of tax, interest and a penalty equivalent to ten per cent. of tax or ten thousand rupees, whichever is higher, due from such person and issue an order.

(10) The proper officer shall issue the order under sub-section (9) within three years from the due date for furnishing of annual return for the financial year to which the tax not paid or short paid or input tax credit wrongly availed or utilised relates to or within three years from the date of erroneous refund.

(11) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (6) or sub-section (8), penalty under sub-section (9) shall be payable where any amount of self-assessed tax or any amount collected as tax has not been paid within a period of thirty days from the due date of payment of such tax.

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*Section 74. Determination of tax not paid or short paid or erroneously refunded or input tax credit wrongly availed or utilised by reason of fraud or any willful-misstatement or suppression of facts.—* (1) Where it appears to the proper officer that any tax has not been paid or short paid or erroneously refunded or where input tax credit has been wrongly availed or utilised by reason of fraud, or any wilful-misstatement or suppression of facts to evade tax, he shall serve notice on the person chargeable with tax which has not been so paid or which has been so short paid or to whom the refund has erroneously been made, or who has wrongly availed or utilised input tax credit, requiring him to show cause as to why he should not pay the amount specified in the notice along with interest payable thereon under section 50 and a penalty equivalent to the tax specified in the notice.

(2) The proper officer shall issue the notice under sub-section (1) at least six months prior to the time limit specified in sub-section (10) for issuance of order.

(3) Where a notice has been issued for any period under sub-section (1), the proper officer may serve a statement, containing the details of tax not paid or short paid or erroneously refunded or input tax credit wrongly availed or utilised for such periods other than those covered under sub-section (1), on the person chargeable with tax.

(4) The service of statement under sub-section (3) shall be deemed to be service of notice under sub-section (1) of Section 73, subject to the condition

that the grounds relied upon in the said statement, except the ground of fraud, or any wilful-misstatement or suppression of facts to evade tax, for periods other than those covered under sub-section (1) are the same as are mentioned in the earlier notice.

(5) The person chargeable with tax may, before service of notice under sub-section (1), pay the amount of tax along with interest payable under Section 50 and a penalty equivalent to fifteen per cent. of such tax on the basis of his own ascertainment of such tax or the tax as ascertained by the proper officer and inform the proper officer in writing of such payment.

(6) The proper officer, on receipt of such information, shall not serve any notice under sub-section (1), in respect of the tax so paid or any penalty payable under the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder.

(7) Where the proper officer is of the opinion that the amount paid under sub-section (5) falls short of the amount actually payable, he shall proceed to issue the notice as provided for in sub-section (1) in respect of such amount which falls short of the amount actually payable.

(8) Where any person chargeable with tax under sub-section (1) pays the said tax along with interest payable under Section 50 and a penalty equivalent to twenty-five per cent. of such tax within thirty days of issue of the notice, all proceedings in respect of the said notice shall be deemed to be concluded.

(9) The proper officer shall, after considering the representation, if any, made by the person chargeable with tax, determine the amount of tax, interest and penalty due from such person and issue an order.

(10) The proper officer shall issue the order under sub-section (9) within a period of five years from the due date for furnishing of annual return for the financial year to which the tax not paid or short paid or input tax credit wrongly availed or utilised relates to or within five years from the date of erroneous refund.

(11) Where any person served with an order issued under sub-section (9) pays the tax along with interest payable thereon under section 50 and a penalty equivalent to fifty per cent. of such tax within thirty days of communication of the order, all proceedings in respect of the said notice shall be deemed to be concluded.

*Explanation 1.*— For the purposes of Section 73 and this section,—

(i) the expression “all proceedings in respect of the said notice” shall not include proceedings under Section 132;

(ii) where the notice under the same proceedings is issued to the main person liable to pay tax and some other persons, and such proceedings against the main person have been concluded under Section 73 or Section 74, the proceedings against all the persons liable to pay penalty under Sections 122 and 125 are deemed to be concluded.

*Explanation 2.*— For the purposes of this Act, the expression “suppression” shall mean non-declaration of facts or information which a taxable person is required to declare in the return, statement, report or any other document furnished under this Act or the rules made thereunder, or failure to furnish any information on being asked for, in writing, by the proper officer.

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*Section 75. General provisions relating to determination of tax.*— (1) Where the service of notice or issuance of order is stayed by an order of a court or Appellate Tribunal, the period of such stay shall be excluded in computing the period specified in sub-sections (2) and (10) of Section 73 or sub-sections (2) and (10) of Section 74, as the case may be.

(2) Where any Appellate Authority or Appellate Tribunal or court concludes that the notice issued under sub-section (1) of Section 74 is not sustainable for the reason that the charges of fraud or any wilful-misstatement or suppression of facts to evade tax has not been established against the person to whom the notice was issued, the proper officer shall determine the tax payable by such person, deeming as if the notice were issued under sub-section (1) of section 73.

(3) Where any order is required to be issued in pursuance of the direction of the Appellate Authority or Appellate Tribunal or a court, such order shall be issued within two years from the date of communication of the said direction.

(4) An opportunity of hearing shall be granted where a request is received in writing from the person chargeable with tax or penalty, or where any adverse decision is contemplated against such person.

(5) The proper officer shall, if sufficient cause is shown by the person chargeable with tax, grant time to the said person and adjourn the hearing for reasons to be recorded in writing:

Provided that no such adjournment shall be granted for more than three times to a person during the proceedings.

(6) The proper officer, in his order, shall set out the relevant facts and the basis of his decision.

(7) The amount of tax, interest and penalty demanded in the order shall not be in excess of the amount specified in the notice and no demand shall be confirmed on the grounds other than the grounds specified in the notice.

(8) Where the Appellate Authority or Appellate Tribunal or court modifies the amount of tax determined by the proper officer, the amount of interest and penalty shall stand modified accordingly, taking into account the amount of tax so modified.

(9) The interest on the tax short paid or not paid shall be payable whether or not specified in the order determining the tax liability.

(10) The adjudication proceedings shall be deemed to be concluded, if the order is not issued within three years as provided for in sub-section (10) of section 73 or within five years as provided for in sub-section (10) of section 74.

(11) An issue on which the Appellate Authority or the Appellate Tribunal or the High Court has given its decision which is prejudicial to the interest of revenue in some other proceedings and an appeal to the Appellate Tribunal or the High Court or the Supreme Court against such decision of the Appellate Authority or the Appellate Tribunal or the High Court is pending, the period spent between the date of the decision of the Appellate Authority and that of the Appellate Tribunal or the date of decision of the Appellate Tribunal and that of the High Court or the date of the decision of the High Court and that of the Supreme Court shall be excluded in computing the period referred to in sub-section (10) of Section 73 or sub-section (10) of Section 74 where proceedings are initiated by way of issue of a show cause notice under the said sections.

(12) Notwithstanding anything contained in Section 73 or Section 74, where any amount of self-assessed tax in accordance with a return furnished under Section 39 remains unpaid, either wholly or partly, or any amount of interest payable on such tax remains unpaid, the same shall be recovered under the provisions of Section 79.

*Explanation.*— For the purposes of this sub-section, the expression “self-assessed tax” shall

include the tax payable in respect of details of outward supplies furnished under Section 37, but not included in the return furnished under Section 39.

(13) Where any penalty is imposed under Section 73 or Section 74, no penalty for the same act or omission shall be imposed on the same person under any other provision of this Act.

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*Section 104. Advance ruling to be void in certain circumstances.*— (1) Where the Authority or the Appellate Authority or the National Appellate Authority finds that advance ruling pronounced by it under sub-section (4) of Section 98 or under sub-section (1) of Section 101 or under Section 101C has been obtained by the applicant or the appellant by fraud or suppression of material facts or misrepresentation of facts, it may, by order, declare such ruling to be void *ab-initio* and thereupon all the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder shall apply to the applicant or the appellant as if such advance ruling had never been made:

Provided that no order shall be passed under this sub-section unless an opportunity of being heard has been given to the applicant or the appellant.

*Explanation.*— The period beginning with the date of such advance ruling and ending with the date of order under this sub-section shall be excluded while computing the period specified in sub-sections (2) and (10) of Section 73 or sub-sections (2) and (10) of Section 74.

(2) A copy of the order made under sub-section (1) shall be sent to the applicant, the concerned officer and the jurisdictional officer.

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*Section 107. Appeals to Appellate Authority.*— (1) Any person aggrieved by any decision or order passed under this Act or the State Goods and Services Tax Act or the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act by an adjudicating authority may appeal to such Appellate Authority as may be prescribed within three months from the date on which the said decision or order is communicated to such person.

(2) The Commissioner may, on his own motion, or upon request from the Commissioner of State tax or the Commissioner of Union territory tax, call for and examine the record of any proceedings in which an adjudicating authority has passed any decision or order under this Act or the State Goods and



Services Tax Act or the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act, for the purpose of satisfying himself as to the legality or propriety of the said decision or order and may, by order, direct any officer subordinate to him to apply to the Appellate Authority within six months from the date of communication of the said decision or order for the determination of such points arising out of the said decision or order as may be specified by the Commissioner in his order.

(3) Where, in pursuance of an order under sub-section (2), the authorised officer makes an application to the Appellate Authority, such application shall be dealt with by the Appellate Authority as if it were an appeal made against the decision or order of the adjudicating authority and such authorised officer were an appellant and the provisions of this Act relating to appeals shall apply to such application.

(4) The Appellate Authority may, if he is satisfied that the appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from presenting the appeal within the aforesaid period of three months or six months, as the case may be, allow it to be presented within a further period of one month.

(5) Every appeal under this section shall be in such form and shall be verified in such manner as may be prescribed.

(6) No appeal shall be filed under sub-section (1), unless the appellant has paid—

(a) in full, such part of the amount of tax, interest, fine, fee and penalty arising from the impugned order, as is admitted by him; and

(b) a sum equal to ten per cent. of the remaining amount of tax in dispute arising from the said order, subject to a maximum of twenty-five crore rupees, in relation to which the appeal has been filed.

Provided that no appeal shall be filed against an order under sub-section (3) of Section 129, unless a sum equal to twenty-five per cent. of the penalty has been paid by the appellant.

(7) Where the appellant has paid the amount under sub-section (6), the recovery proceedings for the balance amount shall be deemed to be stayed.

(8) The Appellate Authority shall give an opportunity to the appellant of being heard.

(9) The Appellate Authority may, if sufficient cause is shown at any stage of hearing of an appeal, grant time to the parties or any of them and adjourn

the hearing of the appeal for reasons to be recorded in writing:

Provided that no such adjournment shall be granted more than three times to a party during hearing of the appeal.

(10) The Appellate Authority may, at the time of hearing of an appeal, allow an appellant to add any ground of appeal not specified in the grounds of appeal, if it is satisfied that the omission of that ground from the grounds of appeal was not willful or unreasonable.

(11) The Appellate Authority shall, after making such further inquiry as may be necessary, pass such order, as it thinks just and proper, confirming, modifying or annulling the decision or order appealed against but shall not refer the case back to the adjudicating authority that passed the said decision or order:

Provided that an order enhancing any fee or penalty or fine in lieu of confiscation or confiscating goods of greater value or reducing the amount of refund or input tax credit shall not be passed unless the appellant has been given a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against the proposed order:

Provided further that where the Appellate Authority is of the opinion that any tax has not been paid or short-paid or erroneously refunded, or where input tax credit has been wrongly availed or utilised, no order requiring the appellant to pay such tax or input tax credit shall be passed unless the appellant is given notice to show cause against the proposed order and the order is passed within the time limit specified under Section 73 or Section 74.

(12) The order of the Appellate Authority disposing of the appeal shall be in writing and shall state the points for determination, the decision thereon and the reasons for such decision.

(13) The Appellate Authority shall, where it is possible to do so, hear and decide every appeal within a period of one year from the date on which it is filed:

Provided that where the issuance of order is stayed by an order of a court or Tribunal, the period of such stay shall be excluded in computing the period of one year.

(14) On disposal of the appeal, the Appellate Authority shall communicate the order passed by it to the appellant, respondent and to the adjudicating authority.

(15) A copy of the order passed by the Appellate Authority shall also be sent to the jurisdictional Commissioner or the authority designated by him in this behalf and the jurisdictional Commissioner of State tax or Commissioner of Union Territory Tax or an authority designated by him in this behalf.

(16) Every order passed under this section shall, subject to the provisions of Section 108 or Section 113 or Section 117 or Section 118 be final and binding on the parties.

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*Section 112. Appeals to Appellate Tribunal.*— (1) Any person aggrieved by an order passed against him under Section 107 or Section 108 of this Act or the State Goods and Services Tax Act or the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act may appeal to the Appellate Tribunal against such order within three months from the date on which the order sought to be appealed against is communicated to the person preferring the appeal.

(2) The Appellate Tribunal may, in its discretion, refuse to admit any such appeal where the tax or input tax credit involved or the difference in tax or input tax credit involved or the amount of fine, fee or penalty determined by such order, does not exceed fifty thousand rupees.

(3) The Commissioner may, on his own motion, or upon request from the Commissioner of State tax or Commissioner of Union territory tax, call for and examine the record of any order passed by the Appellate Authority or the Revisional Authority under this Act or the State Goods and Services Tax Act or the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act for the purpose of satisfying himself as to the legality or propriety of the said order and may, by order, direct any officer subordinate to him to apply to the Appellate Tribunal within six months from the date on which the said order has been passed for determination of such points arising out of the said order as may be specified by the Commissioner in his order.

(4) Where in pursuance of an order under sub-section (3) the authorised officer makes an application to the Appellate Tribunal, such application shall be dealt with by the Appellate Tribunal as if it were an appeal made against the order under sub-section (11) of Section 107 or under sub-section (1) of Section 108 and the provisions of this Act shall apply to such application, as they apply in relation to appeals filed under sub-section (1).

(5) On receipt of notice that an appeal has been preferred under this section, the party against whom the appeal has been preferred may, notwithstanding that he may not have appealed against such order or any part thereof, file, within forty-five days of the receipt of notice, a memorandum of cross-objections, verified in the prescribed manner, against any part of the order appealed against and such memorandum shall be disposed of by the Appellate Tribunal, as if it were an appeal presented within the time specified in sub-section (1).

(6) The Appellate Tribunal may admit an appeal within three months after the expiry of the period referred to in sub-section (1), or permit the filing of a memorandum of cross-objections within forty-five days after the expiry of the period referred to in sub-section (5) if it is satisfied that there was sufficient cause for not presenting it within that period.

(7) An appeal to the Appellate Tribunal shall be in such form, verified in such manner and shall be accompanied by such fee, as may be prescribed.

(8) No appeal shall be filed under sub-section (1), unless the appellant has paid—

(a) in full, such part of the amount of tax, interest, fine, fee and penalty arising from the impugned order, as is admitted by him, and

(b) a sum equal to twenty per cent. of the remaining amount of tax in dispute, in addition to the amount paid under sub-section (6) of Section 107, arising from the said order, subject to a maximum of fifty crore rupees, in relation to which the appeal has been filed.

(9) Where the appellant has paid the amount as per sub-section (8), the recovery proceedings for the balance amount shall be deemed to be stayed till the disposal of the appeal.

(10) Every application made before the Appellate Tribunal,—

(a) in an appeal for rectification of error or for any other purpose; or

(b) for restoration of an appeal or an application, shall be accompanied by such fees as may be prescribed.

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*Section 122. Penalty for certain offences.*— (1) Where a taxable person who—

(i) supplies any goods or services or both without issue of any invoice or issues an incorrect or false invoice with regard to any such supply;

(ii) issues any invoice or bill without supply of goods or services or both in violation of the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder;

(iii) collects any amount as tax but fails to pay the same to the Government beyond a period of three months from the date on which such payment becomes due;

(iv) collects any tax in contravention of the provisions of this Act but fails to pay the same to the Government beyond a period of three months from the date on which such payment becomes due;

(v) fails to deduct the tax in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (1) of Section 51, or deducts an amount which is less than the amount required to be deducted under the said sub-section, or where he fails to pay to the Government under sub-section (2) thereof, the amount deducted as tax;

(vi) fails to collect tax in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (1) of Section 52, or collects an amount which is less than the amount required to be collected under the said sub-section or where he fails to pay to the Government the amount collected as tax under sub-section (3) of Section 52;

(vii) takes or utilises input tax credit without actual receipt of goods or services or both either fully or partially, in contravention of the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder;

(viii) fraudulently obtains refund of tax under this Act;

(ix) takes or distributes input tax credit in contravention of Section 20, or the rules made thereunder;

(x) falsifies or substitutes financial records or produces fake accounts or documents or furnishes any false information or return with an intention to evade payment of tax due under this Act;

(xi) is liable to be registered under this Act but fails to obtain registration;

(xii) furnishes any false information with regard to registration particulars, either at the time of applying for registration, or subsequently;

(xiii) obstructs or prevents any officer in discharge of his duties under this Act;

(xiv) transports any taxable goods without the cover of documents as may be specified in this behalf;

(xv) suppresses his turnover leading to evasion of tax under this Act;

(xvi) fails to keep, maintain or retain books of account and other documents in accordance with the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder;

(xvii) fails to furnish information or documents called for by an officer in accordance with the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder or furnishes false information or documents during any proceedings under this Act;

(xviii) supplies, transports or stores any goods which he has reasons to believe are liable to confiscation under this Act;

(xix) issues any invoice or document by using the registration number of another registered person;

(xx) tampers with, or destroys any material evidence or document;

(xxi) disposes off or tampers with any goods that have been detained, seized, or attached under this Act,

he shall be liable to pay a penalty of ten thousand rupees or an amount equivalent to the tax evaded or the tax not deducted under Section 51 or short deducted or deducted but not paid to the Government or tax not collected under Section 52 or short collected or collected but not paid to the Government or input tax credit availed of or passed on or distributed irregularly, or the refund claimed fraudulently, whichever is higher.

(1A) Any person who retains the benefit of a transaction covered under clauses (i), (ii), (vii) or clause (ix) of sub-section (1) and at whose instance such transaction is conducted, shall be liable to a penalty of an amount equivalent to the tax evaded or input tax credit availed of or passed on.

(1B) Any electronic commerce operator who—

(i) allows a supply of goods or services or both through it by an unregistered person other than a person exempted from registration by a notification issued under this Act to make such supply;

(ii) allows an inter-State supply of goods or services or both through it by a person who is not eligible to make such inter-State supply; or

(iii) fails to furnish the correct details in the statement to be furnished under sub-section (4) of section 52 of any outward supply of goods effected through it by a person exempted from obtaining registration under this Act,

shall be liable to pay a penalty of ten thousand rupees, or an amount equivalent to the amount of tax involved had such supply been made by a registered person other than a person paying tax under Section 10, whichever is higher.

(2) Any registered person who supplies any goods or services or both on which any tax has not been paid or short-paid or erroneously refunded, or where the input tax credit has been wrongly availed or utilised,—

(a) for any reason, other than the reason of fraud or any wilful misstatement or suppression of facts to evade tax, shall be liable to a penalty of ten thousand rupees or ten per cent. of the tax due from such person, whichever is higher;

(b) for reason of fraud or any wilful misstatement or suppression of facts to evade tax, shall be liable to a penalty equal to ten thousand rupees or the tax due from such person, whichever is higher.

(3) Any person who—

(a) aids or abets any of the offences specified in clauses (i) to (xxi) of sub-section (1);

(b) acquires possession of, or in any way concerns himself in transporting, removing, depositing, keeping, concealing, supplying, or purchasing or in any other manner deals with any goods which he knows or has reasons to believe are liable to confiscation under this Act or the rules made thereunder;

(c) receives or is in any way concerned with the supply of, or in any other manner deals with any supply of services which he knows or has reasons to believe are in contravention of any provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder;

(d) fails to appear before the officer of state tax, when issued with a summon for appearance to give evidence or produce a document in an inquiry;

(e) fails to issue invoice in accordance with the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder or fails to account for an invoice in

his books of account, shall be liable to a penalty which may extend to twenty-five thousand rupees.

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*Section 127. Power to impose penalty in certain cases.*— Where the proper officer is of the view that a person is liable to a penalty and the same is not covered under any proceedings under Section 62 or Section 63 or Section 64 or Section 73 or Section 74 or Section 129 or Section 130, he may issue an order levying such penalty after giving a reasonable opportunity of being heard to such person.

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*Section 171. Antiprofitereering measure.*— (1) Any reduction in rate of tax on any supply of goods or services or the benefit of input tax credit shall be passed on to the recipient by way of commensurate reduction in prices.

(2) The Central Government may, on recommendations of the Council, by notification, constitute an Authority, or empower an existing Authority constituted under any law for the time being in force, to examine whether input tax credits availed by any registered person or the reduction in the tax rate have actually resulted in a commensurate reduction in the price of the goods or services or both supplied by him.

(3) The Authority referred to in sub-section (2) shall exercise such powers and discharge such functions as may be prescribed.

(3A) Where the Authority referred to in sub-section (2), after holding examination as required under the said sub-section comes to the conclusion that any registered person has profiteered under sub-section (1), such person shall be liable to pay penalty equivalent to ten per cent. of the amount so profiteered:

Provided that no penalty shall be leviable if the profiteered amount is deposited within thirty days of the date of passing of the order by the Authority.

*Explanation.*— For the purposes of this section, the expression “profiteered” shall mean the amount determined on account of not passing the benefit of reduction in rate of tax on supply of goods or services or both or the benefit of input tax credit to the recipient by way of commensurate reduction in the price of the goods or services or both.

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SCHEDULE III.

LA/LEGN/2025/2868

ACTIVITIES OR TRANSACTIONS WHICH SHALL  
BE TREATED NEITHER AS A SUPPLY OF GOODS  
NOR A SUPPLY OF SERVICES

1. Services by an employee to the employer in  
the course of or in relation to his employment.

2. Services by any court or Tribunal established  
under any law for the time being in force.

3. (a) the functions performed by the Members  
of Parliament, Members of State Legislature,  
Members of Panchayats, Members of Municipalities  
and Members of other local authorities;

(b) the duties performed by any person who holds  
any post in pursuance of the provisions of the  
Constitution in that capacity; or

(c) the duties performed by any person as a  
Chairperson or a Member or a Director in a body  
established by the Central Government or a State  
Government or local authority and who is not  
deemed as an employee before the commencement  
of this clause.

4. Services of funeral, burial, crematorium or  
mortuary including transportation of the deceased.

5. Sale of land and, subject to clause (b) of  
paragraph 5 of Schedule II, sale of building.

6. Actionable claims, other than Specified  
actionable claims.

7. Supply of goods from a place in the non-  
taxable territory to another place in the non-taxable  
territory without such goods entering into India.

8. (a) Supply of warehoused goods to any person  
before clearance for home consumption;

(b) Supply of goods by the consignee to any other  
person, by endorsement of documents of title to the  
goods, after the goods have been dispatched from  
the port of origin located outside India but before  
clearance for home consumption.

*Explanation 1.*— For the purposes of paragraph  
2, the term “court” includes District Court, High  
Court and Supreme Court.

*Explanation 2.*— For the purposes of paragraph  
8, the expression “warehoused goods” shall have  
the same meaning as assigned to it in the Customs  
Act, 1962 (50 of 1962).

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The following bill which was introduced  
in the Legislative Assembly of the State of  
Goa on 7th February, 2025 is hereby  
published for general information in  
pursuance of Rule-138 of the Rules of  
Procedure and Conduct of Business of the  
Goa Legislative Assembly.

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The Goa Value Added Tax  
(Amendment) Bill, 2025

(Bill No. 4 of 2025)

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BILL

*further to amend the Goa Value Added Tax  
Act, 2005 (Goa Act 9 of 2005).*

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly  
of Goa in the Seventy-sixth Year of Republic  
of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) This  
Act may be called the Goa Value Added Tax  
(Amendment) Act, 2025.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into  
force on the 1st day of September, 2015.

(i) *Amendment of section 29.*— In section  
29 of the Goa Value Added Tax Act, 2005  
(Goa Act No. 9 of 2005), in sub-section (3),  
in the fourth proviso, the expression  
“within the prescribed time limit,” it shall  
be omitted.

Statement of objects and reasons

The Bill seeks to amend fourth proviso to  
sub-section (3) of section 29 of the Goa Value  
Added Tax Act, 2005 (Goa Act 9 of 2005),  
(hereinafter referred to as the “said Act”) so  
as to make detailed assessment of every  
dealer claiming refund in his returns possible  
irrespective of statutory limitation bar for  
completing detailed assessment.

The bill further seeks to safeguard interest  
of revenue by ensuring that in each and  
every case the detailed assessment is  
completed before sanctioning refund of any

amount of tax paid in excess of the amount due from dealer under this Act or unduly paid by him and/or for excess of input tax credit over output tax payable under this Act, but remained unassessed beyond the limitation period specified in the Act.

The said amendment will make the provisions of the said proviso applicable also to those dealers who had filed their quarterly returns belatedly but have claimed refund in those returns and all such cases where dealer has filed late returns but there is refund claimed in the returns and due to failure to complete detailed assessment in time the dealer has been deemed to be self-assessed under sub-section (1) of section 29 of said Act will also be subjected to fresh assessment before sanctioning any refund to the dealer.

This Bill seeks to achieve the above objects.

#### Financial Memorandum

The proposed Goa Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2025 does not involve any recurring or non-recurring expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of the State.

#### Memorandum Regarding Delegated Legislation

No delegated legislation is envisaged in this Bill.

Assembly Hall, Porvorim, Goa. 5th February, 2025	Dr. Pramod Sawant Hon. Chief Minister/ Finance Minister
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Assembly Hall, Porvorim, Goa. 5th February, 2025	Namrata Ulman Secretary to the Legislative Assembly of Goa
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#### Governor's Recommendation under Article 207 of the Constitution of India

In pursuance of Article 207 of the Constitution of India, I, P. S. Sreedharan Pillai, the Governor of Goa hereby recommend the

introduction and consideration of the Goa Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2025 by the legislative assembly of Goa.

Raj Bhavan  
Date: 04-02-2025.

P. S. Sreedharan Pillai  
Honourable  
Governor of Goa.

#### ANNEXURE

#### Extracts of existing provision of Section 29 of Goa Value Added Tax Act, 2005 (Goa Act 9 of 2005)

*Section 29. Assessment.*— (1) The returns submitted by the dealer shall be accepted as self-assessed:

Provided the Commissioner, as per the procedure prescribed, shall select upto twenty percent of the total number of such dealers or such percentage as may be notified by Government from time to time for detailed assessment:

Provided further when any dealer applies for cancellation of his registration certificate on the ground of closure or stoppage of his business, his last assessment shall be finalized on the basis of books of accounts and other records maintained by him after giving him an opportunity of being heard.

(2) Where –

(a) a person fails to file a return as required by section 24; or

(b) the Commissioner has reason to believe that the returns filed by a person are not correct and complete; or

(c) the Commissioner has reasonable grounds to believe that a person will become liable to pay tax under this Act but is unlikely to pay the amount due; or

(d) the Commissioner requires to get satisfied with the correctness of the refund so claimed,

the Commissioner may make an assessment of the amount of tax payable by the person to the best of his judgement after giving him an opportunity of being heard.

(3) No assessment under this section for any year shall be made after a period of three years from the end of the year to which the return under Section 24 is submitted by a dealer and no assessment

under sub-section (9) shall be made after the expiry of five years from the end of the year in respect of which or part of which such assessment is to be made:

Provided that where assessment is made in consequence of or to give effect to, any order of an Appellate Authority or Revisional Authority or of a Court, the said period of three years shall be reckoned from the date of such order:

Provided further that in computing the period laid down in this sub-section, any period during which assessment proceedings are stayed by an order or injunction of any Court or authority such period shall be excluded.

Provided also that the Commissioner may, if it is considered necessary by him so to do, by notification published in the Official Gazette, extend the period specified in this sub-section by a further period not exceeding one year.

Provided also that, where a registered dealer who has filed all the returns for a particular financial year, within the prescribed time limit, claiming for that financial year, in said return/s, a refund of any amount of tax paid in excess of the amount due from him under this Act or unduly paid by him and/or for excess of input tax credit over output tax payable under this Act, but remained unassessed beyond the limitation period specified in the Act, the Commissioner shall, upon an application made by the dealer claiming refund of tax or excess of input tax credit, proceed to assess by himself or order in writing to any other officer appointed under section 13 of this Act to carry out assessment of, such dealer, after giving him an opportunity of being heard. The dealer who makes such application under this proviso shall be precluded from filing an appeal against any such order.

(4) The Commissioner shall make an assessment of the amount that in his opinion, is the amount of tax, penalty, interest or any other amount payable under this Act, after making necessary enquiries, as may be deemed fit by him.

(5) Omitted.

(6) The Commissioner shall serve a notice on completion of assessment under this section and the dealer shall pay the balance of tax in accordance with the terms of that notice.

(7) An amended assessment shall be treated in all respects as an assessment under this section.

(8) No assessment or other proceedings purporting to be made, issued or executed under this Act, shall be—

(a) quashed or deemed to be void or voidable for want of form; or

(b) affected by reason of mistake, defect or omission therein, if it is in substance and effect, in conformity with this Act or the rules made thereunder and the person assessed, or intended to be assessed or affected by the document is designated in it according to common understanding.

(9) Where, the Commissioner has reason to believe that a dealer is liable to pay tax in respect of any period, but has failed to apply for registration or has failed to apply for registration within the time as required by or under this Act or has failed to file a return as required by section 24, the Commissioner shall proceed to assess, to the best of his judgement, wherever necessary, the amount of tax due from the dealer in respect of such period and all subsequent periods and, in making such assessment, he shall give the dealer reasonable opportunity of being heard; and if he is satisfied that the default is without reasonable cause, direct the dealer to pay by way of penalty, in addition to tax assessed, a sum not exceeding the amount of tax assessed.

(10) Where any order passed under this section, results in refund of any amount of tax, interest or penalty and no appeal, review or revision is filed against such order within the time limit specified in this Act, the Appropriate Assessing Authority shall after expiry of time limit for filing of appeal, review or revision shall submit the complete proposal for sanction of refund, within a period of 90 days from the date of expiry of such period to the sanctioning authority as prescribed.

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The following bill which was introduced in the Legislative Assembly of the State of Goa on 7th February, 2025 is hereby published for general information in pursuance of Rule-138 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business of the Goa Legislative Assembly.

The Goa Legislative Diploma No. 2070  
dated 15-4-1961 (Amendment) Bill, 2025

(Bill No. 5 of 2025)

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BILL

*further to amend the Goa Legislative Diploma  
No. 2070 dated 15-4-1961, in its application  
to the State of Goa.*

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly  
of Goa in the Seventy-sixth Year of the  
Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) This  
Act may be called the Goa Legislative  
Diploma No. 2070 dated 15-4-1961  
(Amendment) Act, 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. *Insertion of new article 31-A.*— After  
article 31 of the Legislative Diploma No. 2070  
dated 15-4-1961, the following article shall  
be inserted, namely:—

“Article 31-A.— (1) Notwithstanding  
anything contained in this Code, the Goa  
Town and Country Planning Act, 1974 (Goa  
Act 21 of 1975), the Goa (Regulation of Land  
Development and Building Construction)  
Act, 2008 (Goa Act 6 of 2008), the Goa Land  
Development and Building Construction  
Regulations, 2010, the Goa Municipalities  
Act, 1968 (Goa Act 7 of 1969), the Goa  
Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 (Goa Act 14 of  
1994), the City of Panaji Corporation Act,  
2002 (Goa Act 1 of 2003) or any other  
relevant law for the time being in force,  
any land belonging to the Comunidade if  
granted for certain purpose either by way  
of sale or lease or emphyteusis or leave  
and license, shall not be used for any other  
purpose except for the purpose for which  
the land was so granted.

(2) If any such land granted by the  
Comunidade for certain purpose/use is put  
to any use other than for which it was  
granted, such land shall be reverted back  
to the concerned Comunidade in the  
manner hereinafter specified.

(3) The Administrator of Comunidade  
after ascertaining the position thereof issue  
a show cause notice, to the grantee/allottee  
and/or any other person found to be in  
possession of such land. The Administrator  
of Comunidade shall after considering the  
reply filed by the grantee/allottee and such  
person to the show cause notice and after  
hearing oral arguments, if any, pass an  
order of reversion of such land in favour of  
the Comunidade with approval of the  
Government.

(4) The Administrator of Comunidade,  
during the pendency of the proceedings  
before it shall pass an order restraining the  
change of use of such land for any purpose  
other than the purpose for which the land  
was so granted. On passing such order by  
the Administrator of Comunidade, no  
authority including Town and Country  
Planning Department, Planning and  
Development Authority, Municipal Council,  
Village Panchayat or City of Panaji  
Corporation shall issue any permission/  
clearance/approval/No Objection Certificate  
for such land.”.

3. *Repeal and Savings.*— (1) The Goa  
Legislative Diploma No. 2070 dated 15-4-1961  
(Amendment) Ordinance, 2024 (Ordinance  
No. 5 of 2024) is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything  
done or any action taken under the principal  
Act, as amended by the said Ordinance, shall  
be deemed to have been done or taken under  
the principal Act, as amended by this Act.

Statement of Objects and Reasons

The Bill seeks to make provision for  
empowering the Administrator of  
Comunidade to revert a land to the  
Comunidade if it is used for a purpose other  
than for which it was granted, with the  
approval of the Government.

This Bill seeks to achieve above object.

Financial Memorandum

No financial implications are involved in  
this Bill.



Memorandum Regarding Delegated  
Legislation

No delegated legislation is envisaged in  
this Bill.

Porvorim, Goa     ATANASIO MONSERRATE  
5th February, 2025     Minister for Revenue

Assembly Hall,     NAMRATA ULMAN  
Porvorim, Goa.     Secretary to the Legislative  
5th February, 2025     Assembly.

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LA/LEGN/2025/2870

The following bill which was introduced  
in the Legislative Assembly of the State of  
Goa on 7th February, 2025 is hereby published  
for general information in pursuance of  
Rule-138 of the Rules of Procedure and  
Conduct of Business of the Goa Legislative  
Assembly.

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The Goa Clinical Establishments  
(Registration And Regulation)  
(Amendment) Bill, 2025

(Bill No. 6 of 2025)

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BILL

*further to amend the Goa Clinical  
Establishments (Registration and  
Regulation) Act, 2019 (Goa Act 19 of 2019).*

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly  
of Goa in the Seventy-sixth Year of the  
Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) This  
Act may be called the Goa Clinical  
Establishments (Registration and Regulation)  
(Amendment) Act, 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once except  
sections 2, 4 and 5 which shall be deemed to  
have come into force on the 15th day of  
March, 2024.

2. *Insertion of new section 20A.*— After  
section 20 of the Goa Clinical Establishments  
(Registration and Regulation) Act, 2019 (Goa  
Act 19 of 2019) (hereinafter referred to as the  
“principal Act”), the following section shall  
be inserted, namely:—

“20A. *Extension of time limit for  
provisional and permanent registration.*—

(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in  
this Act or any other law for the time being  
in force, the provisional registration granted  
under this Act in the past which has lapsed  
or which is subsisting shall stand revived  
or extended and shall be deemed to be  
valid for a period of one year from the date  
of coming into force of this section.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained  
in this Act or any other law for the time  
being in force, the clinical establishments  
who have not obtained provisional or  
permanent registration under this Act shall  
be entitled to apply and obtain permanent  
registration under this Act within a period  
of one year from the date of coming into  
force of this section.”

3. *Amendment of Section 45.*— In Section 45  
of the principal Act, for the expression “within  
the meaning of Section 21 of the India Penal  
Code, 1860 (45 of 1860)”, the expression “as  
defined in clause (28) of Section 2 of the  
Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act  
45 of 2023)” shall be substituted.

4. *Amendment of Section 47.*— In Section 47  
of the principal Act, sub-section (3) shall be  
omitted.

5. *Repeal and savings.*— (1) The Goa Clinical  
Establishments (Registration and Regulation)  
(Amendment) Ordinance, 2024 (Ordinance  
No. 7 of 2024) is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything  
done or any action taken under the principal  
Act, as amended by the said Ordinance, shall  
be deemed to have been done or taken under  
the principal Act, as amended by this Act.

## Statement of Objects and Reasons

The Bill seeks to insert new Section 20A in the Goa Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2019 (Goa Act 19 of 2019) (hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act”) so as to extend the time limit for provisional and permanent registration of the clinical establishments.

The Bill seeks to make consequential amendment to section 45 of the said Act in view of enactment of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act 45 of 2023).

The Bill seeks to amend section 47 of the said Act as sub-section 3 thereof makes rule making a complicated procedure which is not found in most of the statutes, resulting delay in framing rules. Even otherwise, rule framing procedure is prescribed in the General Clauses Act. As such sub-section 3 is to be deleted.

The Bill also seeks to repeal the Goa Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2024 (Ordinance No. 7 of 2024) promulgated by the Governor of Goa on 10-10-2024.

This Bill seeks to achieve the above objects.

## Financial Memorandum

No financial implications are involved in this Bill.

## Memorandum Regarding Delegated Legislation

No delegated legislation is envisaged in this Bill.

Assembly Hall,  
Porvorim, Goa.  
Dated: 06-02-2025

VISHWAJIT RANE  
Hon'ble Minister for Health

Assembly Hall,  
Porvorim, Goa.  
Dated: 06-02-2025

NAMRATA ULMAN  
Secretary (Legislature)

## ANNEXURE

**Extract of Section 45 and 47(3) of the Goa  
Clinical Establishments (Registration and  
Regulation) Act, 2019**

45. Employees of the authority etc. to be public servants.— Every employee of the authority and the Council shall be deemed to, when acting or purporting to act in pursuance of any of the provisions of this Act, be public servants within the meaning of section 21 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (45 of 1860).

47 (3) Every rule made by the Government under this Act shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before the Legislative Assembly of Goa while it is in session, for a total period of fourteen days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions and if, before the expiry of the session in which it is so laid or the session immediately following, the House agrees in making any modification in the rule or House agrees that the rule should not be made, the rule shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so, however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule.

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